

## Lacemakers thread way to Brazilian church

By Glenda McCauley Miller

POCAO, Brazil (BP)—When Southern Baptist missionary Martha Hairston hit on a plan to help some poor but talented lacemakers improve their families' living conditions, she had no idea the concept would go beyond their small town in northeast Brazil.

But the marketing plan spread to another town and opened the door for a Baptist mission in the midst of a strong Catholic community which had been considered out of reach.

Hairston long had been impressed with the exquisite, detailed lace several women in Belo Jardim made. But their community was poor and few people had money to purchase the luxury items the women created.

Conditions were ripe to introduce the idea of a cottage in-

dustry. Dona Julia, a lacemaker who had trained several other women, was excited about the concept and recruited friends to work with her. Hairston provided the start-up funds and took the placemats, napkins, blouses and other items to Recife where fellow missionary Mary Witt helped with sales.

Soon missionary Mary Ruth Hawkins of Brasilia, the nation's capital, heard about the lace and offered to take orders. The business grew rapidly.

When Hairston learned Dona Julia had lacemaking relatives in Pocao, a city about 40 miles from Belo Jardim, she offered to help market their products, too. But her motives went beyond financial assistance.

Pocao is the site of a mountain-side Catholic shrine where tourists and devout Catholics come by bus

and truckload to ask for blessings. They leave money, jewelry, and plastic forms of hands, feet, and other body parts, hoping these gifts will persuade their saints to cure them and answer prayers. There had never been an evangelical church in the area. Most Baptists felt there was no hope for preaching the gospel there.

As Dona Julia introduced Hairston to a relative in Pocao, she explained the missionary wanted to start a Baptist mission and wondered if she could see the relative's house.

Two days later the woman agreed and 70 people turned out for the first meeting, making it necessary to meet in the street outside her home. "The street meetings actually gave us much wider exposure," relates the

missionary.

Hairston asked the mayor if he knew of a house they could rent for the mission. He offered the use of a local school. Neighbors volunteered to store the chairs purchased for the meetings.

Later when a home was rented on the town's main street, volunteers, none of them Baptists, offered to repair the broken electrical system.

Sixty-five people regularly attend the Baptist Mission in Pocao. A relative of Dona Julia's has accepted the Lord, followed by several others.

What began as a ministry to poor lacemakers has resulted in a witness in an area Baptists had decided was impossible to reach.

(Miller is Southern Baptist missionary press representative in north Brazil.)

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## Lowly soybean joins battle against African malnutrition

By Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — After a lifetime of battling malnutrition among Nigerian infants, Southern Baptist missionary Ruth Womack has added the lowly soybean to her arsenal.

Use of the protein-packed bean has developed into an art form in the Orient and a technological marvel in the United States, but until two years ago no soybean thrived on Nigerian soil.

Then a successful bean was discovered just in time to meet a critical need at Kersey Children's Home in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, where Tennessean Womack and fellow missionary nurse Sharron Hawk of Texas help restore malnourished infants to health.

Nigeria hasn't been hit by the mass starvation of some African countries, but a tightening noose of drought, falling oil prices, and strict import controls has increased malnutrition among Nigerian children. Around 300 children received treatment annually at Kersey in the early 1980s. The number climbed to 500 last year.

Kersey hasn't escaped the food shortages increasing throughout Nigeria, either. Last December Womack found herself with a dwindling supply of canned milk and no way to replenish it. She also observed many of the babies at Kersey suffer-

ing from diarrhea. When the doctor suggested a soy-based formula might cut down on diarrhea, Womack thought she'd found the answer to both problems.



**Returning to Nigeria**—Southern Baptist missionary Ruth Womack was scheduled to retire this year, but instead she's returning to Nigeria after a short furlough to teach Nigerians how to use soybeans to prevent malnutrition.

The two nurses traveled to Togo to buy the soy-based formula. They took a month's supply home with them and ordered enough for another six months. But the Nigerian border closed and the order never made it into the country.

The women were searching desperately for milk when the solution came in an unexpected way. Womack says the Lord sent it.

On Christmas Eve she offered her extra bedrooms to two women looking for a place to stay in Ogbomosho. One was fellow missionary Alma Rohm, a teacher in Aileron. The other was Nell Monday, a specialist in nutrition and plant development from Cornell University in New York, who was in Nigeria to work with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan. Monday was experimenting with yams, the starch food staple in western Nigeria.

As the nurses discussed the frustrating search for milk, Monday suggested they make their own soy milk. The idea had never crossed the missionaries' minds. How would they do it? And where would they find soybeans?

Monday didn't know, but she thought the soybean department at the institute would have a recipe for them to give. She put Womack in



**Helping Babies Thrive**—Ruth Womack, Southern Baptist missionary nurse, talks to one of her tiny patients at Kersey Children's Home in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Womack and fellow missionary Sharron Hawk teach mothers how to feed and care for malnourished children. Facing milk shortages, the Kersey staff has begun making its own milk from soybeans. (FMB) PHOTO by Joanna Pinneo.

touch with the soybean department.

Yes, they had a recipe for soybean milk and they gave her two bags of soy beans to get started.

The head of the soybean department had tried for 10 years to find a soybean which could thrive in Nigeria. He'd finally succeeded two years earlier and had given some of the beans to a farmer in Ikoyi, a village 15 miles from the Kersey home.

The farmer's beans did so well that 12 of his neighbors decided to help themselves to a few. The trouble came when they harvested the new bean: it tasted terrible.

The neighbors wasted no time in complaining to the farmer, who went to the agricultural institute for help. If they couldn't eat the beans, the Nigerians wanted to sell them to somebody else.

By that time the staff at Kersey was turning 37 pounds of soybeans into milk daily. Womack assured the farmers she'd buy all the soybeans they wanted to get rid of.

Meanwhile Womack, who always has taught families how to eat nutritiously with locally available products, was experimenting with the soybean. She learned how to cook it with baking soda to destroy the enzyme which gave it an unpleasant taste. She used soybeans instead of the melon seed normally used in soup. She substituted soybeans for black-eyed peas in akara, a Nigerian fritter, and other popular foods.

Soybeans, she discovered, have roughly twice as much protein as black-eyed peas.

Womack was scheduled to retire this year after 38 years in Nigeria, but she's too excited about soybeans to come home. She's returning to Africa after a short furlough in the United States to spend another year working at Kersey. She hopes a volunteer will come to help out so she and Hawk can go into villages, telling people about the soybean and how it can help make them and their children healthy and strong.

Mary Jane Welch writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

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# Editorials..... by don mcgregor

## A story of sadness

This is a story of the heart cry of a Mississippi seminary student. It is a sad story, but the saddest part is that his name will not be used. Though this young man did not make such a statement, other students did note that they had some misgivings about being identified in any way with the conflict now boiling among Southern Baptists for fear that it could affect their careers in the future.

That is sad.

The young man approached me following a recent banquet at Southwestern Seminary. Once each year the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board hosts a meal for the Mississippi students attending one of the three nearest seminaries in order to bring a bit of home to them and to make them aware of the fact that they have not been forgotten. As a part of that awareness circumstance, the Baptist Record is happy to be able to provide for Mississippi students in seminary training free subscriptions during their seminary years.

The distressed young man sought me out following the meal and indicated that he had a burden that he must share. The message was that the seminary student body stood solidly behind Southwestern Seminary President Russell Dilday and the academic affairs committee of the trustees in the effort to dismiss seminary professor Farrar Patterson.

The matter came up when the academic affairs committee of the trustees voted 8 to 1 to recommend the ouster of the professor. The story is detailed in the April 4 issue of the Baptist Record.

The trustees voted 19 to 12 to terminate the professor, but it would have taken a two-thirds vote of 21 to 10 to accomplish the action. There has

been a great deal of speculation since that time as to why the 12 trustees declined to go along with the recommendation of the president and the academic affairs committee. There has been speculation that it was an effort to undermine the position of the president.

The young man declared that the word had been circulated that only a limited number of students had signed a resolution of support and that only a limited number supported the president in the action. Any supposition of a lack of support is false, the student said. He indicated that if there were a limited number of signatures on the resolution it stemmed from a lack of opportunity to sign and not a lack of support. A recent news release noted that 800 signatures had been obtained and that 1,000 were expected.

Likewise, the student declared, a letter supporting Dilday that was signed by 100 of the 101 faculty members of the seminary was a sincere effort. There had been an effort to establish the supposition that the professors had signed to protect themselves, the student said; but he indicated that such a supposition as that also was false.

The real heart cry of the student came after he had completed his declaration of support for the president. He continued to say that once he

had been sympathetic with the movement that is under way to take control of seminary boards of trustees. He still has similar conservative concepts as are being espoused by the group active in seeking to take charge, he said. He said he could no longer support the efforts of the group, however, because he could not condone its practices. For about 30 minutes he poured out his heart.

And he said that Southern Baptists and the world need to know that Southwestern's faculty and students support the president. The single faculty member who failed to sign the faculty letter was Farrar Patterson.

Here is a young man who stands on the brink of a career that he firmly believes has been laid out for him by the Lord himself, and he feels that the vehicle through which he believes he is being called to minister is in danger of crumbling to the ground in ashes.

His heart is heavy indeed.

His observations, however, were supported by another Mississippi student whose name will be used, for he is an employee of the seminary as well as being a student; and he is in a position to know facts of which others would not be aware. He is Tim Tune of Jackson, a former employee of the Jackson Daily News and now news director for Southwestern Seminary.

### MAN'S ACTIONS...GOD'S REACTION

DO WRONG  
...GET THE  
FRONT PAGE.

DO RIGHT  
...IT MAY ESCAPE  
ALL NOTICE

BUT

"BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED:  
FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT  
SHALL HE ALSO REAP." — GALATIANS 6:7



## Stadium drops banners rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — RFK Stadium management has dropped its restrictions against the display of banners with religious messages during National Football League games.

RFK Stadium officials had banned religious messages on banners after

receiving complaints from the CBS television network. One banner which displayed a Bible reference "John 3:16," was reportedly destroyed by a CBS employee who said no religious signs were to be viewed on their broadcasts.

## Woman's Missionary Union

Annual Meeting  
June 9-10, 1985

Dallas Convention  
Center Arena

THEME: First Love

"I have something against thee . . . thou hast left thy first  
love . . ."

(Revelation 2:4)

Sunday, June 9, 1985

2:45—Missions and Preparation

—Pre-session Inspiration—"Living Song," Texas Baptist All-State Ensemble, directed by Loyd Hawthorne, Abilene, Texas

—Missions and Prayer

—"Remember, and repent"—Prayer, Betty Gilreath, WMU, recording secretary, Charlotte, N.C.

—Music—Forbes Woods, concert artist, Dallas

—Missions and Pioneers

—"do the first works"

Ministering to Orphans, Ruth Womack, Nigeria

—Missions and People

"First, love"—in Lebanon, Nancie Wingo, missionary; —in Harlem, Michael Williams, missionary

—Music—"Living Song"

—Missions and Promotion

—Missions and Problems

—"...somewhat against thee"—in Reaching Hispanics, Miguel Mojica, missionary, Austin, Texas

—Music

—Missions and Partnership

—"...hast borne, and hast not fainted"; —in China, C. K. Chang, Universi-

ty of Anhui, China; —in Mexico, Esther de Fuentes, president of Mexico WMU

—Solo—Forbes Woods

—Missions and Priorities

—"...else I will come quickly and remove thy light"

—Keynote Address—Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, Birmingham, Ala.

—Missions and Promises

—"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"

—Music—Jennifer Jones, student, Cincinnati, Ohio

Monday Morning, June 10, 1985

9:15—Missions and Preparation

—Pre-session Inspiration—Scott Bennett, head of organ department, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Forbes Woods

—Missions and Prayer

—"Remember and repent"

—Prayer—Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, WMU, Richmond, Va.

—Missions and Proclamation

"I know thy labour and thy patience"—at Home, Norma Mackey, WMU, leader, Waynesboro, Miss.

—Missions and Pioneers

—"do the first works"—with K'ekchi Indians, Jane Parker, Guatemala

—Music—"Living Song"

—Missions and People

"First, Love"—behind Political Walls, John David Hopper, Eastern Europe;

—on the Streets of America, Michael Elliott, missionary, Louisville, Ky.

—Missions and Problems

—"...somewhat against thee"—in a Hungry World, John Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

—Music

—Missions and Partnership

"Thou hast borne, and hast not fainted"

—Foreign WMU Presentation

—Solo—Forbes Woods

—Missions and Priorities

A Call for Love in Action. . . else I will come quickly and remove thy light"—C. Anne Davis, dean of social work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

—Missions and Promises

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"

—Music—Jennifer Jones

Monday Afternoon, June 10, 1985

1:45—Missions and Preparation

—Pre-session Inspiration—Scott Bennett and Jennifer Jones

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# Prisoners find out "who their friends are"

By Tim Nicholas

One of the prisoners from a satellite prison facility near Magnolia was allowed to visit First Baptist Church, Magnolia, on Sunday morning. On the visitor's card, he responded he was a church member ... at the satellite prison.

There is no church at the satellite prison. But the man was not making up a story. Apparently a ministry that the Brotherhood of First Church, Magnolia are a part of had had an effect on the man.

On a monthly basis, 17 churches in Pike Association take turns visiting

the satellite prison and the county jail, holding Saturday night worship services.

But in addition, every Sunday morning at 8:30 the Baptist men of First Church, Magnolia, lead a Bible study at the satellite facility that holds about 62 men.

Most are in for light offenses, most have only a few months to serve. In fact, the men work out in the county all day, on their honor to return after work. None had tried to escape until the day of the visit by the Baptist Record. One had run sometime that day. And the men were shocked." Big

mistake — dumb — they'll send him back to Parchman for sure" were the comments the men made.

A group volunteered to talk about the value of the church involvement at the facility. Mostly young, the men lacked that hardened, depressed look seen in many prisons.

"It's helped me grow spiritually," said one.

Two of the five in the conversation said they grew up in Baptist homes. "It's getting harder as I get closer (to getting out)," said another.

"We'd get in discussions back there

(in the dorm) on the Bible," said one. "One guy told me he didn't really have a belief. He was reading the Bible and the Koran at the same time. I answered questions about God and Mohammed. 'Did Mohammed give you eternal life?' I kept witnessing to him."

The man had problems. His son was diagnosed as having sickle cell anemia. "In Bible study he came forward to accept Christ," said the prisoner. Shortly, the man found out the son did not have the disease after all. In addition, he was transferred to

another satellite facility near his home town. "I give God the glory," commented the prisoner.

Farris Smith, pastor at Magnolia, said he only went to the facility the first time the other men went and has left it in the hands of volunteers. Mack Honea, Brotherhood chairman, said that on Saturday nights, when the church takes its turn with the other churches, "Mostly we do a lot of singing. Basically, what we're trying to do this month" is give the men "a lot of guidance." Mack's brother Jack, Sun-

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### Committee on Boards releases report early

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The 1985 report of the Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committee was released April 16, ten days before the required release date.

The report, which must be released 45 days in advance of the annual meeting, was released early because of rumors and public statements concerning the contents of the report, according to Chairman Bob Eklund of Dallas.

Eklund, urban evangelism associate in the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said contents of the report were to be kept confidential until the schedule release date — April 26 — but the release was accelerated in order to provide more accurate infor-

mation concerning controversial aspects of the report.

The 52-member Committee on Boards nominates persons to serve as trustees of the 20 national agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. The committee is composed of two persons — one a layperson and one in church or denominationally related work — from each of the 26 state conventions which have in excess of the 25,000 members necessary to qualify for representation.

The 1985 report includes 243 nominations, including 114 new trustees and 129 renominations. Currently, there are 950 persons holding trusteeships.

Messengers to the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC must adopt the

report and elect the nominees to the various boards. In recent years, portions of the committee report have been challenged from the floor of the convention.

Eklund said the decision was made to release the report early because "we wanted Southern Baptists to have the information. As chairman, I have been asked many questions. I have decided to make some statements in the hope it will settle some issues that people are discussing without knowing all the facts."

The Texan characterized the report as "very good" and added: "I feel we have a very strong core of people being nominated this year."

He said: "It is my prayer our work

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### FMB creates office to respond to opening opportunities in China

By Erich Bridges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Quickly expanding opportunities for professional and social service in China have led the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to create an office to help Southern Baptists respond.

The Cooperative Services International office, approved by Foreign Mission Board members at their April meeting in Nashville, Tenn., will help Southern Baptists identify and meet needs expressed by Chinese Christian and secular institutions.

The office eventually may seek service opportunities in several other countries closed to missionaries, in cooperation with the board's geographic area directors. But involvement beyond China is at least a year or two down the road, according to Charles Bryan, senior vice-

president for overseas operations.

Potential opportunities may include openings in China for Southern Baptist educators, technicians, medical and professional personnel, as well as development of Chinese-American institutional relationships and provision of material resources. (See story on page 9.)

"We will not be sending missionaries," said Bryan. "We will not be initiating anything." The board will respond to opportunities and needs as groups in China identify them, he said. Foreign missionaries have not been able to work in China for more than 30 years.

The Three-Self Patriotic Movement, China's officially recognized Protestant movement, has opened or reopened some 2,000 churches nationwide,

along with a number of seminaries. Estimates of attendance at thousands of home meetings, often called house churches, range from 5 million to 50 million.

The director of the Cooperative Services International office, whom the board hopes to elect in May, will gather information on China opportunities, develop relationships with Chinese Christian leaders and secular institutions (such as universities), and help Southern Baptists seek appropriate involvement.

In the United States, the director will relate to Southern Baptist individuals and institutions interested in contributing to Chinese society.

Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



From left are Farris Smith, pastor of First Church, Magnolia; Jack Honea; Mack Honea; and Ed Campbell. These are participants in a volunteer prison ministry in Pike County.

### New East Asia director, prayer leader selected

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Samuel M. James, a former missionary to Vietnam, was approved as director-elect for East Asia by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its April 15-17 meeting here.

A new special assistant to the president for intercessory prayer and three field associates for areas of Africa and South America also were announced.

James, a Liberty, N.C., native, will succeed George Hays, who retires Dec. 31. Hays has led the board's work in East Asia since September 1975. He was a professor in Seinan Gakuin University's theology department, Fukuoka, Japan, from 1948 to 1972 and field representative for East Asia from 1973 to 1975. James, who will become director-elect June 1, has been the missionary learning department's director since 1980.

He was a missionary to Vietnam from 1962 to 1975, and his last eight years there were as president of the Vietnam Baptist Theological Seminary in Saigon. James lived in Taiwan from 1976 to 1980 while he was field representative for East Asia.

Minette Drumwright, assistant to the executive vice-president since 1982, was named to succeed Catherine Walker, who is retiring as special assistant to the president for intercessory prayer. Walker was a missionary to China in 1947 and 1948 and then an instructor at the Indonesian Baptist Theological Seminary from 1954 to 1980.

Drumwright, a native of San An-

tonio, Texas, is the widow of Huber L. Drumwright Jr., who died in 1981. Her husband had been dean of the school of theology at Southwestern Seminary, and he was executive secretary-treasurer of Arkansas Baptists when he died.

The board also approved the addition of a third field associate to the area director for Eastern and Southern Africa. Bill E. Phillips has

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### Mississippi student wins essay prize

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lin Wilson, a student at Southern Seminary from Columbia, Miss., has been awarded a \$500 prize for an essay written for a local competition.

Miss Wilson's essay, entitled "Temperance in Louisville, A Whiskey Distilling Capital, 1938-1882," was winner in the local history competition sponsored by Kentuckiana Metroversity, a consortium of seven institutions of higher learning, including Southern Seminary, in the Louisville area.

A first-year Master of Divinity student, Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson of Columbia.

The essayist said she hopes to use the prize money to travel with an independent, interdenominational medical missions group from Mississippi to Honduras this summer.



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will contribute to a healing in our convention. We tried to rise above the problems and not become a part of the problem. The people on the report I know personally are Bible-believing, cooperating Southern Baptists with hearts for missions. From the reports I had on the people whom I do not know personally, they, too, are strong, cooperating Southern Baptists."

While saying he believes the majority of the report is good, Eklund said he is "well aware that we have one or two spots that likely will be challenged."

One challenge may come over Jerry Gilmore, a Dallas attorney, who was not renominated to the Home Mission Board, although he was eligible for a second four-year term.

Gilmore, a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, "apparently has served well as a trustee," Eklund said. "According to Dr. William G. Tanner (president of the HMB) he has been an outstanding trustee and for the past two years a most effective chairman."

Eklund said the two Texas representatives recommended Gilmore for renomination, following a committee guideline which specifies a person eligible for a second term be renominated "unless good and sufficient reason is given..."

Questions arose, however, Eklund said, concerning Gilmore's wife, Martha, an ordained Methodist minister.

"I defend Mr. Gilmore's renomination on the basis he is an outstanding layman," Eklund said. "On the issue of women's ordination, I personally am not comfortable; however, this is a local church matter and since Mr. Gilmore is a member of a church that is comfortable with such and at the same time a strong cooperating Southern Baptist church, their members, in my opinion, should be eligible to serve on SBC boards."

Eklund said the committee voted 25 to 22 against renominating Gilmore.

"It is one of those situations where there will be criticism whatever we do," he said.

## Eklund appoints subcommittee to consider vacancies, changes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A subcommittee to consider vacancies and other changes in the report of the Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees has been appointed by Chairman Bob Eklund.

The seven-member subcommittee will meet in advance of the 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 11-13, at Dallas Convention Center.

Under SBC operating policies, the subcommittee can consider vacancies brought about by a nominee refusing to serve, moving, or dying between the meeting of the Committee on Boards and the time the report is presented to the convention.

Eklund said several positions were left vacant and will be filled at the Dallas meeting.

He added, however, the subcommit-

Gilmore was the only person eligible for renomination who desired renomination who was "bumped" from a trustee post. Four other persons were eligible, but declined renomination.

Eklund said the only other challenged nominee was William D. Delahoyde, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh, who was nominated as a trustee at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Eklund said it was pointed out if Delahoyde is elected, he would be the third person from the U.S. attorney's office in Raleigh to serve as a trustee of one of the SBC institutions.

Currently, the U.S. attorney, Samuel T. Curran, is on the SBC Public Affairs Committee, and is its chairman; another assistant, J. T. Knott III, is a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Curran was elected in 1983; Knott in 1984.

"There did not seem to be any theological question involved," Eklund said. "The primary question was whether three men out of the same office should have major responsibilities on Southern Baptist boards and agencies when North Carolina has so many qualified people who ought to serve."

He said Delahoyde was nominated on a 32-17 vote.

Another possible point of controversy concerns a person who was neither nominated nor recommended for nomination.

Eklund said he is asked "why J. T. Luther, an outstanding Southern Baptist layman, and long-time friend of Southwestern Seminary will not be a nominee for the opening from Texas on Southwestern's board."

The Luther matter has been an issue since one denominational leader claimed Luther was not nominated because "fundamentalists" unduly influenced the nomination process.

"That is not so," Eklund said. "This is an issue which never should have become an issue. It is not an instance of anybody trying to block anybody.

tee is not authorized to make substitutions for persons already appointed, unless the nominee is, for some reason, unable or unwilling to serve.

To serve on the subcommittee will be Eklund, urban evangelism associate with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; John Maddox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wynne, Ark.; J. T. Knott Jr., a businessman from Raleigh, N.C.; Lynn Clayton, editor of *The Baptist Message*, newjournal of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, La.;

Ken Smith, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; Jay Chance, vice-president for public affairs at California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., and Martin King, a layman from Anderson, Ind.

It was simply that Bill (W. O.) Watts (the Texas lay representative) and I could not agree on a nominee."

Eklund said, "There were efforts to influence this position from the movers and shakers of all sides. It wasn't just one side, or even two; there were efforts from all sides."

He pointed out he and Watts, from Woodboro, agreed "harmoniously" on six of the seven persons they nominated. When they could not agree on the SWBTS nominee, they compromised and named Wayne Allen, a veteran Texas pastor.

Eklund told Baptist Press another potential controversy was eliminated when James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas, and immediate past president of the SBC, withdrew his nomination as SBC representative to the Baptist World Alliance.

In a letter to Eklund, Draper requested his name be withdrawn and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, be substituted. Draper said he believes the executive of the WMU should serve the BWA "by virtue of her office."

Weatherford, who currently is an SBC representative to the BWA, was not renominated because of a change which names the current SBC president and the president of the Sunday School Board to the BWA by virtue of their offices, eliminating two at-large positions.

"I do not think Miss Weatherford was eliminated intentionally. I think it was just an oversight. I appreciate Jimmy (Draper) taking this action," Eklund said.

Martin is Baptist Press news editor.

## Six-month CP tops \$58 million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Halfway through the Cooperative Program's 1984-85 fiscal year, Southern Baptists have given \$58,102,957 in undesignated gifts through their national, unified program budget.

The basic operating budget for the year, which ends Sept. 30, is \$118 million.

March receipts of \$10,125,631 were more than \$500,000 more than March 1984 figures and marked the second time in three months gifts through the Cooperative Program had topped the \$10 million mark.

The national Cooperative Program receives money from the 37 state conventions which cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention to fund a budget shared with 20 national agencies.

One half of the income goes to the Foreign Mission Board, just under 20 percent to the Home Mission Board, and another 20.6 percent to the six Southern Baptist seminaries. The only other agency which gets a more than 1.6 percent is the Radio-Television Commission which receives 4.2 percent.

Growth of the national budget has been striking in recent years. A decade ago, the mid-year total stood at \$20.5 million and five years ago it was only \$36.1 million.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

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| April 28       | Senior Adult Day (CT Emphasis)   |
| April 28-May 5 | Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis)  |
| May 2          | Mississippi Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship; FBC, Jackson; 6:15-9:00 p.m. (BRO)    |
| May 3-4        | Chaplains Retreat; Gulfshore Assembly; 5 p.m., 3rd-3 p.m., 4th (CoMi)                |
| May 3-5        | Mississippi Acteens Convention '85; FBC, Gulfport; 7 p.m., 3rd-10:30 a.m., 5th (WMU) |
| May 4          | Crusader Day; Central Hills; (Grades 1-6; South Mississippi); 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (BRO)    |
|                | Senior Adult Festival; City Auditorium, Jackson; 6-10 p.m. (CM/CT)                   |

## New East Asia director, prayer leader selected

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been a church development missionary in Zambia since 1978. He will begin his new duties May 1 and will live in Harare, Zimbabwe.

James N. Westmoreland, a general evangelist in South Africa, will replace Marion G. "Bud" Fray Jr. as associate for southern Africa. Fray has been named chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and director of the Center of Christian Ministry there.

Westmoreland will relate to mission work in South Africa. He will begin his work June 1 and will be stationed in Johannesburg. He was in Zimbabwe (then known as Rhodesia) from 1960 to 1978 and in South Africa since 1979.

The third associate to the area director, James Hampton, in Nairobi,

Kenya, now will focus on eastern Africa countries.

Davis Saunders, director for Eastern and Southern Africa, said the changes were necessary to handle the increased number of missions and missionaries, volunteers, relief projects and partnership missions in the various countries.

George S. Lozuk, coordinator of the Ecuador mission, was approved as the new associate to the area director for western South Africa. He succeeds Bob Tucker, now associate director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso.

Lozuk, who assumed the new duties April 17, is a native of Athens, Texas. He was a missionary to Venezuela from 1957 to 1982, working much of the time in Baptist radio and television programming. He went to Ecuador in 1982.

## Prisoners find "... friends"

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day School director, lines up teachers, and Jimmy Alford is chief teacher.

Jack said that after the Saturday night devotional recently, the men wanted to sit around and talk about the book of Revelation. Jack suggested another topic. "We try to get in to a discussion where we can draw a conclusion before it's over," he said.

Ed Campbell, chaplain for the sheriff's department, and a member of First, Magnolia, was the one who received permission from the satellite's social worker to have the Bi-

ble studies. Campbell counsels with prisoners, takes death notices, and works at the county jail.

"They've paid their debt to society" I tell a church if they (former prisoners) move into their community. We have to forgive them," said Campbell, who is a retired Baptist pastor from New Mexico.

Said one prisoner, "The test is really going to be when we get out... a lot find out who their friends are." The men of First Baptist Church, Magnolia, are proving themselves to be friends.

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# Nominees for SBC boards and Executive Committee are released

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Nominees for the Executive Committee and the four boards of the Southern Baptist Convention have been released by the SBC Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

Nominees are clergy or denominational related, unless specified.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (69 members): 17 nominations considered; five new members, 12 renominations.

New members replacing members ineligible for reappointment include Benny King, First Southern Church, North Glenn, Colo., replacing Otis B. Testerman of Grand Junction; C. Ray Fuller, director of missions, Joliet, Ill., replacing Wendell Garrison of Fairview Heights; James Yates, First Church, Yazoo City, Miss., replacing Clark W. McMurray, Pascagoula; Rich Limer, First Church, Hendersonville, N.C., replacing John M. Lewis of Raleigh.

Nominated to a term to expire in 1986 is James M. Morton Jr., of Trinity Church, Livermore, Calif., replacing J. Thurmond George, of Gilroy, who moved.

Renominated to second terms are Jimmy E. Jackson of Huntsville, Ala.; Mrs. Lois H. Wenger, Orlando, Fla.; Harmon M. Born, Rex, Ga.; Donald I. Gent, Evansville, Ind.; Gordon D. Dorian, Wichita, Kan.; John R. Christian, Hopkinsville, Ky.;

G. Nelson Duke, Jefferson City, Mo.; Conrad Bost, Salisbury, N.C.; Frank C. Ingraham, Franklin, Tenn.; William F. Collins Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; W. LeRay Fowler, Houston, and George M. Kissinger, Newport News, Va.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD** (84 members): 22 nominations considered; nine new members, 13 renominations.

New members include Leo E. Eisert, a businessman and member of First Church, Vandalia, Ill., replacing Mrs. William D. Richardson of Troy, Ill., who declined to serve.

New members replacing persons ineligible for reappointment include Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Swadley, housewife and member of South Haven Church, Springfield, Mo., replacing Mrs. Carter Reed of St. Johns; Horace A. Hamm of Fuquay Varina Church, Fuquay Varina, N.C., replacing W. Henry Crouch of Charlotte;

William H. Cook of First Church, Bartlesville, replacing Jerry H. Fielder of Oklahoma City; Morris H. Mills, a semi-retired builder and developer and member of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., replacing Wendell G. McClinton of Donelson, Tenn.;

Bonnie B. Westbrook Jr., a medical doctor and member of Calvary Church, Beaumont, Texas, replacing Richard M. Cobb of Dallas, and John M. Simms, an attorney and member of First Church, Roanoke, Va., replacing W. Curtis English of Altavista, Va.

Nominated for a four-year term as a local member is Charles H. Jones of Kempsville Church, Virginia

Beach, Va., replacing B. R. Yarbrough of Manassas, who resigned.

Renominated for second terms are George Gaskins, Lakewood, Colo.; Lewis A. Miller, Tequesta, Fla.; Robert (Bob) Marsh, Atlanta; Harold E. (Eddy) Hallock, Lincoln, Neb.; Judith C. Fitch, Paducah, Ky.; Ron Herrod, Kenner, La.; Richard Sample, Flint, Mich.;

Henderson Belk, Charlotte, N.C.; Harry L. Hannah, Puyallup, Wash.; Lloyd G. Hansen, Memphis, Tenn.; R. C. (Bob) Callan, Amarillo, Texas; Howard A. Baldwin Jr., Richmond Va. (local), and James Harwood Cochrane, Richmond, Va. (local).

**HOME MISSION BOARD** (84 members): 24 nominations considered; 11 new members, 13 persons renominated.

Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Church of Austin, Texas, was nominated, replacing Jerry C. Gilmore, an attorney and member of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, who was eligible for a second four-year term but was not renominated.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include William Tanner, a professor of geology and member of Fellowship Church, Tallahassee, replacing Adon C. Taft of Coral Gables; Mrs. Alice Wahl Sanders, a housewife and member of First Church, Bamberg, S.C., replacing Bobby L. Huguley of Columbia;

Ron Phillips of Central Church, Hixson, Tenn., replacing Bill Sherman of Nashville; George Horton Harris of Castle Hills Church, San Antonio, replacing Billy Weber of Dallas; Rudy Hernandez, an evangelist and member of Gethsemane Church, Carizo Springs, Texas, replacing Omar H. Pachecano of El Paso, and Frank Wells of Briarcliff Church, Atlanta, replacing J. Emmett Henderson of Norcross.

Named to fill unexpired terms are Brad Allen of First Church, Duncan, Okla., replacing C. B. Hogue of Tulsa, who moved (1986); Mrs. Joe L. Ingram, wife of the executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and member of Nichols Hill Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Mary Lee Gossett of Norman, who resigned (1987); Claude Hambleman of First Church, Elkhart, Ill., replacing John Hessel of West Frankfort, who moved (1988), and Ronald B. Long of Glenwood Hills Church, Lithonia, Ga., replacing James Charles Elder Sr., of Conyers, who resigned (local term to expire in 1987).

Renominated to second terms are James F. Walters of Clanton, Ala.; Tom D. Satterwhite of Fort Collins, Colo.; O. S. Hawkins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Nelson L. Price of Marietta, Ga.; William J. Viehl Jr., of Essex Md.; William W. Durr of Clinton, Miss.; Mrs. Paulina M. Brown of Shelby, Mo.; M. O. Owens Jr., of Gastonia, N.C.; Billy Sellers of Matthews, N.C.;

Mrs. William D. Walker of Beaverton, Ore.; Travis E. Wiginton of Norman, Okla.; Hershel R. Chevallier of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Robert D. Landers of Jonesboro, Ga., (local member).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD** (84 members): 23 nominations considered; 11 new members, 12 renominations.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Richard E. Francis of First Church, Trussville, Ala., replacing James A. Auchmuty Jr., of Birmingham; Jeff S. Sanders, an insurance executive and member of First Southern Church, Canoga Park, Calif., replacing James C. Metcalf of Riverside;

Bill Anderson of Calvary Church, Clearwater, Fla., replacing Robert M. McMillan of Tallahassee; S. Craig Tally of First Church, Joplin, Mo., replacing Charles D. Butler of Jefferson City; Bruce C. Little, an insurance executive and member of Bethesda Church, Durham, N.C., replacing T. Marshall Collins Jr., of High Point;

Floyd Williams, a businessman and member of Broadmoor Church, Memphis, Tenn., replacing Robert A. Sanders of Knoxville, and William G. Wilson of Brentwood Church, Brentwood, Tenn., replacing Albert Sidney Waits of Memphis (local member).

W. Gene Henderson of First Church, Greenville, Miss., replacing William E. Hardy Jr., of Columbus, who became ineligible for a second term when he moved from the state.

Named to fill unexpired terms are Raymond Lawrence, president of Mid-continent Baptist College, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Gary Watkins of Florence, who moved (1986); Greg Baumann, a chemist who lives in Edwardsville, Ill., but is a member of Suburban Church, Granite City, Ill., replacing Will D. Selman of Skokie, who resigned (1987), and Billie Friel of First Church, Mount Juliet, Tenn., replacing Ralph Stone of Nashville, who moved (local term to expire in 1987).

Renominated to second terms are Ferrell D. Morgan, Fort Smith, Ark.; Jeff McBeth, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Robert W. Rowell, Merritt Island, Fla.; Tommy Jones, Macon, Ga.; B. Hugh Little Jr., of Marietta, Ga.; John C. Wilson of Paris, Ky.; Jerry S. Lee of Jackson, Miss.; Robert Tenery of Morganton, N.C.; Samuel George Lovell of Conway, S.C.; Bo Baker of Irving, Texas; Joseph B. Flowers of Hampton, Va.; Harold L. Jennings of Kirbywood Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.;

Local members renominated to second terms are John David Laida of Clarksville, Tenn.; William Lynn Moench of Nashville, Tenn.; Robert H. Bible of Morristown, Tenn., and Pat L. Landrum of Brighton, Tenn.

**ANNUITY BOARD** (54 members, being reduced to 48): 11 nominations considered; four new members, two renominations, five positions eliminated.

Nominated to replace members who are ineligible for reappointment are Jon M. Stubblefield of Central Church, Magnolia, Ark., replacing Cline D. Ellis of Kingsland; Harold A. Stephens, a telephone company manager and member of First Church, Fort Thomas, Ky., replacing David A. Nelson of Owensboro, and W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., a banker and



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## Wm. Carey commencement May 10-11

The awarding of honorary degrees to three prominent Southern Baptist leaders, the dedication of recently



Goerner

renovated Ross and Johnson Halls, and the granting of degrees to more than 150 students will highlight William Carey College's spring commencement activities, May 10-11.

Spring commencement events will also serve as a springboard to launch ACTIONS, a ten-year renewal plan for the college. The plan focuses on reemphasizing the college's Christian distinctives, pruning and amplifying the academic program, improving student life, increasing alumni support through the Annual Fund, and accelerating the recruitment of traditional college students.

The doctor of letters degree will be conferred upon J. P. Allen, visiting professor of preaching at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He is a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and has held pastorates in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and Texas.

H. C. Goerner will receive the doctor of laws degree. He is retired area secretary for West Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. His surveys and recommendations led the board to assign missionaries to Angola, Botswana, Dahomey, Ethiopia, the Ivory Coast, Malawi, Uganda, Upper Volta and Zambia. Goerner is a former professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Seminary.

Former missionary nurse Eva Sanders will receive the doctor of humane letters degree. She directed the Baptist Welfare Center and midwifery school in Ire, Nigeria for 37

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## Ackerman to mark centennial

Ackerman Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 30. The special Centennial Service will begin at 10 a.m., with lunch served at noon.

The meal will be a "dinner on the ground" with barbecued pork as a special feature. The afternoon's games and activities are to be reminiscent of 100 years ago.

Exhibits and pictures will be on display to portray the church's history. Members and former members are being asked to send pictures and accounts of events of the past to the church office. There will be a special exhibit of pictures of couples married in the church.

Chairpersons for the Centennial Celebration are Mrs. R. C. McNeel, Mrs. Bill Basinger, and Mrs. Roy Young. John G. Brock is pastor, Laverne Pickett is minister of music.

## Southeastern trustees adopt budget

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — In its spring meeting, trustees of Southeastern Seminary, here adopted a budget of \$5,626,197.

The 1985-86 budget, a 3.8 percent increase over the previous year, will be funded primarily by the Convention's Cooperative Program, student fees, and housing rentals. The Cooperative Program, made up of gifts from individual Baptist churches, will provide 68.46 percent of the budget.

Faculty, and staff salaries will receive a three percent across-the-board increase.

Trustees also voted to request the dean and faculty to study the feasibility of a research doctoral program and trustee-sponsored internship for Southeastern graduates.

The trustees heard a progress report on construction now underway of the \$2,500,000 Ledford Student Center, and authorized the administration to proceed with negotiations on Phase II costing approximately \$225,000.

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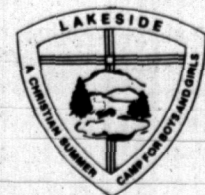
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# Childcare, bus routes, set for SBC sessions

DALLAS (BP) — Free shuttle bus routes and childcare information for messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13 in Dallas has been released.

Shuttle buses will connect all the major hotels not within walking distance and a major parking area with the Dallas Convention Center.

Preschool childcare will be housed at First Baptist Church in Dallas while the Brotherhood Commission will host a missions day camp for children in grades one through six at a local park.

For \$7 per day (\$20 for all three days), elementary school children will be provided supervised activities which include mission studies, games, crafts, nature study and sports. Children will be taken to a city park by bus, leaving the convention center each day, Tuesday through Thursday; at 8:30 a.m. They will return to the convention center at 5 p.m. on June 11, 12:30 p.m. on June 12, and 4:30 p.m. June 13.

Registration and additional information will be available beginning June 10 at the Brotherhood Commission booth in the convention display area. There is no pre-registration but interested parents are encouraged to sign-up on June 10.

Preschool childcare for messengers who live outside the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be provided at First Baptist Church in Dallas for \$5 a session. The May 24 pre-registration deadline is important. Planning will be based on the number signed up by the deadline.

"Messengers who show up needing preschool childcare without pre-registering them are not guaranteed anything," Tim Hedquist, director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee and convention manager, said. "We will certainly do everything we can to help them but we can't stress enough the importance of contacting the people at First Baptist in Dallas in advance." Messengers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area will not be included in the program.

K. Adele Suddath, director of preschool ministries at the church, is heading up the program. She may be contacted by mail at First Baptist Church, 1707 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas, 75201 or by phone at 214-969-0111. A complete information sheet and registration form will be sent to anyone requesting them.

For the adults, parking and transportation is always a major concern. And this year there are several bits of good news. First there are, "a couple of thousand" parking spaces in the convention center complex, according to Hedquist. Secondly, the shuttle bus system is not only extensive — it will be free.

The shuttle service won't cost users in 1985 because of the generosity of the Dallas Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The national convention budget always heavily subsidizes the bus service to keep the cost low. This year the national budget will contribute \$25,000 but the Dallas association and the

BGCT have agreed to make up the difference riders usually have to pay.

Their shared contribution will be approximately \$10,000, Hedquist said.

The shuttles will begin running at 7:30 a.m. each day of the convention. They will run until 9:30 p.m. on June 11 and 12 and until 5:30 p.m. on June 13.

*This year there's good news concerning parking and transportation.*

Buses will not stop at each hotel individually but will stop at a central point at clusters of hotels. For schedule information messengers should check with the convention information booth in the Convention Center when they register or at their individual hotels.

Route hotels are: Best Western, Quality Inn, Holiday Inn Market Center, Roadway Inn Market Center, Sheraton Mockingbird, Regent Hotel, Roadway Inn, LaQuinta Central, Twin Sixties, AmFac Hotel, Sheraton Downtown, Plaza of the Americas, Fairmont, Loews Anatole, Marriott, LaQuinta Inn Regal Row, Holiday Inn Regal Row, Ramada Inn, Howard Johnson, Townhouse Hotel, Viscount, Executive Inn, North Park Inn,

Doubletree Inn, Tropicana Inn, and Expressway Inn.

There will be no service to the immediate downtown hotels: Hilton, Adolphus, Hyatt, Bradford, or the Holiday Inn Downtown.

The shuttle also will run from the Reunion Arena parking lot at the corner of Memorial Drive and Hotel Street. This is the lot where buses are supposed to park.

Automobile parking in the Convention Center will be \$4 and \$3 in the Reunion Arena parking areas (no in and out privileges). Bus parking will be \$6.

This year special provisions have been made for handicapped. Special parking passes will be available at the convention information booth in the Convention Center. Persons must have both the special pass and a handicapped license tag on their vehicle or state identification as a handicapped driver.

The information booth also will have maps of the Convention Center indicating elevator access for wheelchairs, ramps, restrooms, and eating facilities which are accessible to the handicapped.

Anyone planning to attend the convention who has not yet made a hotel reservation may call Hedquist's office (615-244-2355) during regular working hours for the names of hotels which still have vacancies and which may be contacted directly by individuals.

## SBC Forum Dallas Convention Center June 10, 1985

- 1:30—Welcome, Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City
- Scripture reading, E. W. McCall, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church, LaPuente, Calif.
- Invocation, Bill Daniels, pastor of First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Ky.
- Solo, Darrell Adams, musical artist, Louisville, Ky.
- 1:45—"Orthodoxy of Love," James Flamming, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
- 2:10—Solo, William R. O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board executive vice-president, Richmond, Va.
- 2:15—"Integrity in Proclaiming the Gospel," W. Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 2:40—Hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King"
- 2:45—Concert, Ken Medema, musical artist, San Francisco, Calif.
- 3:05—"The Doctrine of First Things," Catherine Allen, associate executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.
- 3:30—Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
- Offering
- 3:40—"To Trust Again," Cecil E. Sherman, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
- 4:05—Concert, Cynthia Clawson, musical artist, Louisville, Ky., and Bob Bailey, musical artist, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:30—"What They Don't Teach You at Baptist Preacher's School," William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 5:00—Benediction, Joy Steincross, layperson, Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Mo.

## Homecomings

Goss, Columbia: homecoming April 28; services at 11 a.m.; Mark Lowrey, guest speaker, retired pastor from Hopkinsville, Ky., and former Goss pastor; dinner on grounds; gospel singing at 1:30 with The Continentals; pastor, Matt Buckles.

Bethesda Church, Route 1, Crawford (Oktibbeha): homecoming; April 28; Sunday School at 10; Lemuel Jayroe, a former pastor, bringing the message at 11; dinner served at noon in the Fellowship Hall; singing in the afternoon by the Faithmen Quartet.

Harmony Church (Carroll): homecoming, April 28; 10:30 a.m.; Jerry Smith, speaker; lunch served; Glorylanders, Bruce, music; Luther Lindsey, pastor.

### Revival Dates

Harmony (Carroll): April 29-May 3; 7:30 each night; Jerry Smith, Water Valley, evangelist; Luther Lindsey, pastor.

Carmel, Monticello: homecoming; May 5; morning service at 11; Dale Little, speaker; dinner on the ground; afternoon service of music and praise; Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

Silver Springs (Pike): homecoming; April 28; morning service at 11; dinner on the grounds; afternoon singing, starting at 1:30; 'Jubilation' to perform; former pastor, Larry Sweat, guest speaker (he is now a Navy Chaplain stationed in Washington State); this will also begin spring revival; services Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Jim Thornhill, pastor, will lead the music.

First, Louise: seventh annual homecoming; May 5; activities begin at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. with former pastor, J. L. Jones, of Adams County, to bring the message; dinner on the grounds; music at 2 p.m., with the "Gospel Notes" of Boyle singing.

## Evangelism Conference

# Henderson, Larrimore will lead Tallahatchie meet

Tallahatchie Association is sponsoring an Evangelism Conference on May 2 at First Church, Tutwiler, at 3:30 p.m.

In the afternoon session Guy Henderson, director, Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will speak on "Preparing for the 1986 Simultaneous Revivals." Tommy Tutor, pastor, Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, will speak on "Christian Witnessing Training." Sonny Adkins, evangelist from New Hebron, will speak on "The Work of an Evangelist."

The music will be conducted by Tom Larrimore, full-time music

evangelist from Jackson. Special music will be presented by Becky Self of Clarksdale Church.

Tutwiler Church will prepare an evening meal for those attending the afternoon session. It will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The evening service, beginning at 7:30, will be an inspirational service. Becky Self will sing. Tommy Larrimore will sing and direct a combined choir from several churches. Sonny Adkins will bring the evening message.

Jimmy Craft, is associational evangelism director.

## NFD plans picket

TUPELO, Miss. (EP) — A massive nationwide picket of stores selling pornography has been set for April 27, according to the National Federation for Decency (NFD). Organizers of the protest say their goal is to picket 5,000 stores which sell pornography.

The picketing is part of a continuing effort to get stores to stop selling pornography; during the past year nearly 6,000 stores have stopped carrying pornographic magazines.

A primary target of the protest is 7-Eleven stores. According to the NFD, 7-Eleven is the nation's leading retailer of pornographic magazines.

## Haiti wells drilled

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers drilled 41 water wells in 1984, bringing their total to 143. The well-drilling program has improved life in many Haitian villages and attracted nationwide attention to Baptists.

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# Charles Stanley calls for discussion of SBC problems

By R. G. Puckett

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—Charles Stanley, pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church, paid his first visit to Southeastern Seminary here and told the students he came as an "encourager" to strengthen "their hearts in ministry" and to help them avoid some of the pain and heartaches he knew they would encounter.

At a luncheon with the faculty, administration, and some invited guests, Stanley called for "us to sit down and talk about our beliefs and possible differences" because the situation is so explosive (within the denomination) that something needs to be done.

He also met with students for an hour-long dialogue during which he restated his opposition to ordained women serving as pastors of local congregations but added that women "... have the privilege of being obedient to God, no matter what anybody thinks."

"It is not for me to tell you what to do or not to do," Stanley insisted.

His appearance at Southeastern was the first visit to any of the six SBC-owned and operated seminaries since Stanley was elected president last June in Kansas City, Mo. He had an appointment at Southwestern Seminary in a "few days" and has accepted an invitation to visit Midwestern seminary in Kansas City but the date had not been determined.

Stanley told a near-capacity chapel audience that "obedience to God (is) the bottom line, the final criterion." He added: "Our purpose is to glorify God."

Stanley never used the words "inerrancy" or "infallibility" which are two code words to describe the Bible in the current SBC controversy, but he did call upon the students to leave the seminary with their confidence in the Bible intact.

In a press conference which included secular media immediately following his chapel message, Stanley was asked about ways to unify the convention: "It can't be done in one convention and I don't think any man can do it. God will have to do it, and I think he can do it. People ask me about a split (in the SBC). No, I don't think we are going to have a split."

"Some folks may decide they just can't live with certain things and may feel free to do something else. If they feel that way, they have a right to choose to do that," Stanley added.

At the luncheon with faculty and administration, Stanley said the situation in the convention is so "explosive" that the time "has come for us to sit down and talk about what we believe and understand each other better."

Stanley made no specific charges against the school or any faculty member, stating only some things he had heard or been told but which he "did not know to be true because I have not talked with you (the faculty) on a personal level."

Some faculty members said they are tired of being accused of things of which they are not guilty. They decried the suspicion and distrust which has been sown by some critics

in the convention, and many added that their performance and beliefs were a matter of public record through years of teaching, preaching, and publishing.

In the afternoon dialogue with students, Stanley reaffirmed his opposition to women ordained to be pastors of local churches but called for women to be able to serve in every facet of the work of the church.

"I personally do not think (a woman) should be ordained as a pastor. . . . As president of the convention, I am not going to say I believe women should be pastors of churches. I didn't believe it before I became president; I don't believe it now."

On the matter of support for SBC seminaries, Stanley said if he did not support Southeastern, "I wouldn't be here today." In response to a question, he said several months ago he recommended that a young person attend Dallas Baptist Theological Seminary (where his son and daughter are students) which is not a convention-owned seminary. At the time Stanley said he "was frustrated . . . and had a lot to learn (about the SBC) . . . if someone asked me today what I would choose I would probably say Southwestern."

Southwestern Seminary, located in Fort Worth, Texas, is the largest of the six SBC seminaries and is Stanley's alma mater.

Commenting on Southern Baptist agencies and institutions, Stanley said, "I went to the Foreign Mission Board, to the Home Mission Board, to the Sunday School Board, and I got my eyes opened about a lot of things. I was encouraged by what I saw."

Stanley said he feels the 1984 SBC resolution on women was worded wrongly. "I think women should serve in every capacity in the church; I just don't think they should be the pastor."

Stanley was greatly influenced in his early years by his maternal grandfather, a Pentecostal Holiness evangelist from Silver City, N.C. He made his profession of faith in Christ at the age of 12 during a service in which a woman preacher of the Pentecostal Holiness faith delivered the sermon and extended the invitation.

In response to a question from a student concerning rumors that some persons are being added to committees and boards of the agencies and institutions who are hostile to the entity they serve, Stanley said he would not appoint any hostile person to any position.

"No one should serve anywhere who is hostile. I'll not appoint anyone who is hostile. If I see someone who is hostile, I'm not going to put him on anything," Stanley insisted.

Presidential appointments are crucial in the SBC structure, particularly in the Committee on Committees which names the powerful Committee on Boards, Agencies and Institutions. Stanley chaired that committee in 1983.

Puckett edits the Biblical Recorder for North Carolina Baptists.

## Secret taping complaint sent to Justice Department

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Federal Communications Commission has concluded its investigation of a complaint alleging that Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler taped and released to the press portions of a telephone conversation with a Southern Baptist seminary student. The Commission referred the matter to the Department of Justice.

J. Stafford Durham, a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., filed an informal complaint with the FCC Sept. 14, 1984 alleging Pressler taped their Sept. 1, 1984 telephone conversation without his prior consent or knowledge and later released portions of the taped conversation which appeared in a Houston newspaper.

The FCC followed its normal processes in asking AT&T Communications and Southwestern Bell to investigate the taping complaint. In their reports to FCC, both companies said they communicated to Pressler that taping phone conversations without prior consent violates tariff provisions under which they operate, but that the Texas appeals court judge refused to answer questions about the matter.

A spokesperson for FCC said Durham's complaint was forwarded to the Justice Department because of its allegation that portions of the tape were released to the press.

Durham, who is due to graduate from Southern Seminary in May, said he had been sent a packet of information by the FCC, which included all correspondence as well as detailed instruction on how to file a formal complaint.

Durham said that while he would file the first complaint again under similar circumstances, he probably will not pursue the formal complaint. "I don't have the time or the money to go to Washington and go through hearings and testimony," he said.

"I really don't want to sue anybody. I just want him (Pressler) to admit what he has done. But he won't do that, even now," Durham said, adding he does not "understand why they (the FCC) couldn't substantiate the allegations when he (Pressler) has admitted in print he did it. I guess what they couldn't substantiate was whether he (Pressler) did it on their (AT&T and SWBTS) equipment."

Pressler, contacted in Tampa, Fla., where he was speaking in several churches, said the AT&T report is "erroneous because I clearly informed them I did not make my long distance calls through AT&T. I did not use AT&T long distance service and that should have been properly reported. Therefore, they (AT&T) were not involved and should not have been involved."

He said he "discussed various aspects of the matter with Southwestern Bell and there was no need to make further comments due to its insignificance."

While not directly saying he tape recorded the conversation, Pressler alluded to the matter by commenting: "When my first conversation with Staff Durham was completely and totally misrepresented, I felt it was necessary for me to protect myself against further misrepresentations."

"When the student was apparently manipulated by the administration of the school subsequent to our second conversation and contradicted himself, it was important that I show his factual inconsistencies."

He concluded: "This is another attempt by the 'liberals' to divert attention from the fact that the issue in the Southern Baptist Convention is what Scripture is. They constantly try to make non-issues issues in order to vilify anyone who seeks to have problems corrected that exist in the SBC."

## Draper, Smith, Rogers discuss SBC on CBN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The growing unrest in the Southern Baptist Convention continues to attract attention from outside the 14.3-million member denomination.

During the last week in March the three immediate past presidents of the SBC appeared on the 700 Club, hosted by Pat Robertson who is a Southern Baptist, to explain their perspective of the controversy and to underline the importance of the current president, Charles Stanley, being reelected next June.

James T. Draper Jr. (president 1982-84), Bailey Smith (1980-82), and Adrian Rogers (1979-80) appeared on the national talk show and gave examples (without names) of what they see as a pulling-away from a belief in the inerrancy of the Bible.

The program also included filmed comments from the presidents of two Southern Baptist seminaries (Russell Dilday of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and Roy C. Honeycutt of Southern Seminary in Louisville) who have been outspoken in their defense of the theological and evangelical integrity of their schools.

Also interviewed on film was Peg Witts, an ordained minister who co-pastors a Southern Baptist church in Durham, N. C., with her husband; and Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston.

## Mission in Ethiopia desperate for nurses

RABEL, Ethiopia (BP)—Volunteer nurses Mary Saunders and Sally Jones work from morning until dark at the Southern Baptist feeding-health care center in the Ethiopian highlands with no relief in sight.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has searched in vain for longer-term volunteer nurses to take their place in remote Rabel, Ethiopia, when their service ends in August.

Saunders, a veteran of 26 years of African missionary nursing, and Jones, daughter of missionaries to Kenya, arrived in mid-March, when the center opened, to cover the emergency until special assignment nurses could be found.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia, struggling to meet the overwhelming needs of famine-stricken highlanders, need one nurse by at least June 1 to overlap with Saunders and Jones and a second by Aug. 1. As they develop other feeding centers, the missionaries will request additional nurses and likely a physician.

Special assignment nurses for Rabel must be Southern Baptists with RN status and will be requested to serve at least a year. However, six-month assignments will be considered because of the emergency situation. They will receive transportation, room and board, and a stipend.

Potential candidates are urged to write Joyce De Ridder in health care recruitment at the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230, or call her at (804) 353-0151.

Requirements also specify the nurses have the "ability to function under difficult circumstances and be flexible."

That's a key qualification for Rabel, where workers face sparse, remote living conditions without electricity, refrigeration, running water, or indoor bathing facilities.

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# Cauthen symbolized, in missions commitment, "the cohesive force that has moved us together"

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Baker James Cauthen, 75, who led Southern Baptists in building the largest missionary force among Protestant denominations, died April 15 at home.

Cauthen was executive secretary, and later executive director, of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board from 1954 until his retirement at the end of 1979, a longer tenure than any of his seven predecessors.

The number of Southern Baptist missionaries increased from 908 to nearly 3,000 during Cauthen's administration and the number of countries where they worked from 32 to 95. Missions funding moved from \$6.7 million in 1954 to \$76.7 million in 1979.

Cauthen and his wife, Eloise, went to China as missionaries in 1939, taking their two young children to a country partly in control of Japanese invaders. Both during World War II, and later during the communist takeover, the Cauthens were forced to evacuate. Twice they lost all their household possessions. Yet in China Cauthen came face-to-face with the world's "appalling spiritual need." He wrote, for example, "One man asked us if Jesus is an American."

R. Keith Parks, Cauthen's successor in 1980, noting that "God blesses us primarily through people," said, "Through Baker James Cauthen, he has blessed literally the people of our world." Cauthen, in his missions commitment, "symbolized to Southern Baptists the cohesive force that has



Baker James Cauthen  
1909-1985

moved us together through our history," Parks said.

Evangelist Billy Graham called Cauthen "one of the greatest missionary statesmen in all American church life. He was one of the most powerful speakers on missions I ever heard . . . a father figure to Southern Baptist missionaries . . . who gave inspiration and prophetic vision."

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and a longtime friend of Cauthen, said, "He was a marvelous exponent of the message of Christ in the Orient. He was an incom-

parable leader in the support of foreign missions among Southern Baptists."

Cauthen, continued his advocacy after retirement by teaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary near San Francisco during the 1980-81 and 1982-83 academic years and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, 1983-84. He suffered a heart attack in 1977 and had a stroke in October 1984.

It was as a missions teacher at Southwestern from 1935 to 1939 that Cauthen decided on a missionary career. "The question that took me to China," he said, "was, 'Why shouldn't you go?'" Cauthen also was pastor of Fort Worth's Polytechnic Baptist Church from 1933 to 1939. His wife, whom he married in 1934, had been born in China, the daughter of longtime missionaries Wiley B. and Eunice Taylor Glass, and had been open to returning as a missionary.

In October 1946 the board elected him secretary for the Orient, succeeding M. Theron Rankin, who had become the board's executive secretary. When Rankin died in January 1954, Cauthen was elected head of all Southern Baptist foreign mission work.

During his 26 years at the Foreign Mission Board's helm, Cauthen's sermons exhorted Southern Baptists to new heights in missionary activity. As early as 1964, Cauthen envisioned 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries at work around the world. "God has not given us our current resources that we may use them upon ourselves," he said then. "As a body of Christian people we are fully capable of producing a new thrust in world missions and on a scale never before known." Southern Baptists are still working to reach that goal.

In his last sermon to the Southern Baptist Convention, he said in 1979, "Let us pray, give, go, send, preach, teach, bear witness to the lost, the hungry, the poor, the broken, the distressed, and, if need be, suffer and die that the name of Jesus Christ be made known to every human being on the face of the earth."

Missionaries by the hundreds would recall making their commitment to overseas ministry after hearing Cauthen address a convention or Baptist assembly session or in a worship service. One missionary quipped that Cauthen, "like Elijah, kept appearing on the scene."

Cauthen's experiences in China prepared him well for a pastoral role to the denomination's missionaries. As World War II intensified, the family coped with spiraling inflation and food shortages in China, and they often fled to crowded mountain caves during Japanese air strikes. His son, Ralph, was stricken with polio in 1942. Cauthen regularly exercised his son's legs to facilitate full recovery. His daughter, Carolyn, became critically ill with fever, as did his wife just before one of their evacuations. Mrs. Cauthen was flown to India on a stretcher.

When peace came, Cauthen initiated the most extensive relief effort that Southern Baptists had ever

undertaken. Chinese Christians, a minority often bypassed by government relief programs, received food and medical care. Later, as executive director, Cauthen opened the door for ongoing Foreign Mission Board relief ministries.

Cauthen also called for 100 missionaries to go to Japan, where Southern Baptists had only a token presence prior to the war. The goal was reached in 1953.

As communists wrested control of the Chinese mainland during the late 1940s and early 1950s, Cauthen coordinated the evacuation of more than

by his home church at age 16, after a small, rural church asked him to be their pastor.

He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University (then college) in Nacogdoches, Texas, and Baylor University in Waco, Texas and earned master's and doctoral degrees in theology, in 1933 and 1936 respectively, from Southwestern.

Cauthen wrote several books, all dealing with missions. "Beyond Call" in 1973, based on his words of counsel and inspiration to new missionaries, followed "Now Is the Day," "By All Means" and a work he coauthored, "Advance: A History of Southern Bap-



Eloise and Baker James Cauthen look at the biography of him written by Jesse Fletcher, *A Man for All Nations*.

200 missionaries. His policy allowed each to decide whether he or she had "Christ's clear command to stay on." Only one missionary, surgeon Bill Wallace of Tennessee, lost his life.

Cauthen took Southern Baptists' witness to Korea, India, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand and other Asian countries by reassigning many of the missionaries to minister among Chinese-speaking groups.

Cauthen also guided the Foreign Mission Board's development of a network of overseas English-language churches for U.S. servicemen; a program providing two-year mission assignments for recent college graduates; expanded volunteer opportunities abroad for Baptist lay people, and an up-to-date home office building in Richmond.

In the late 1950s, he courageously began to call Southern Baptists to put on "some sackcloth and ashes" regarding civil rights. Missionary work is tarnished, he said, "when any story goes out of people of any race being refused admittance into a house of worship."

Born Dec. 20, 1909, in Huntsville, Texas, Cauthen grew up in Lufkin, was baptized at age six and, two years later, was intent on entering the ministry. He was licensed to preach

tist Foreign Missions."

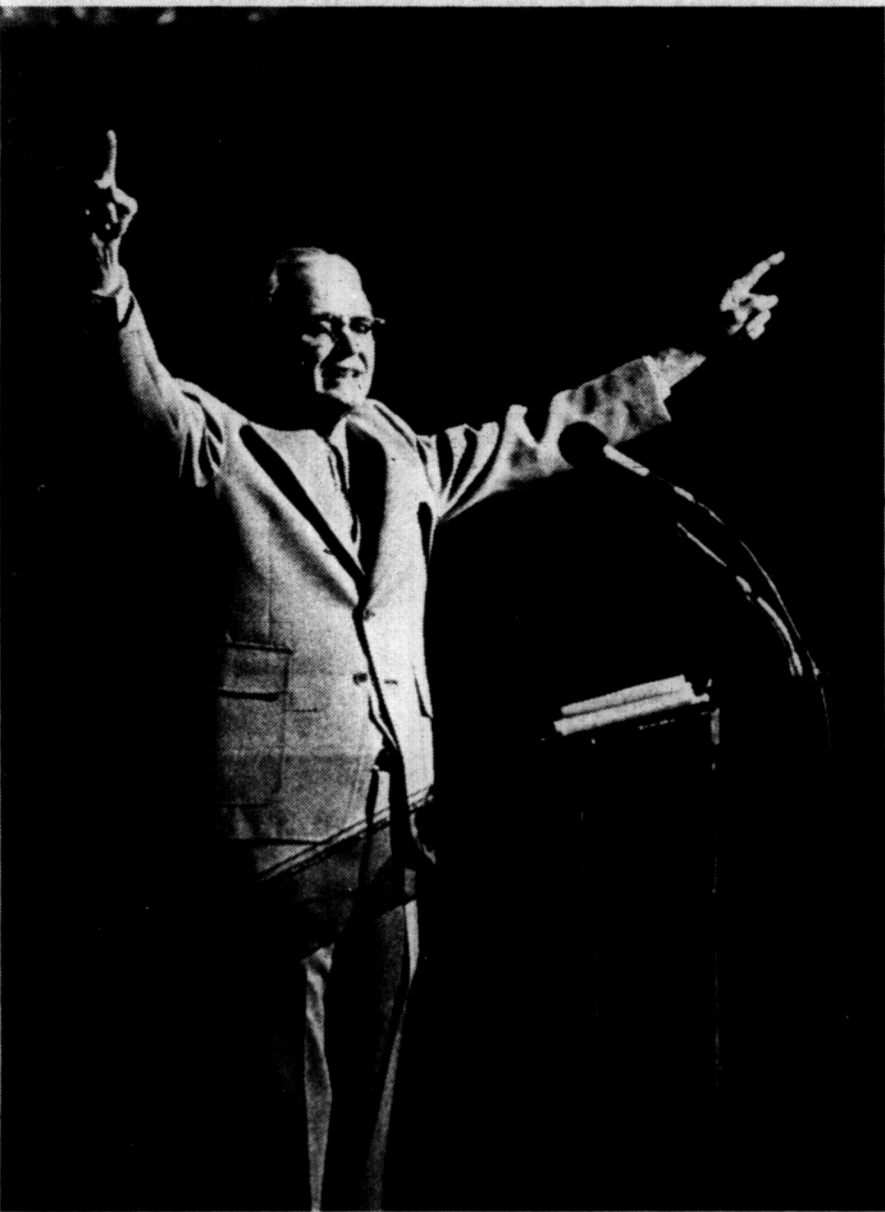
A biography, "Baker James Cauthen: A Man for All Nations," was written by Jesse C. Fletcher, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and a former administrator at the Foreign Mission Board.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Cauthen by Baylor University; Stetson University, Deland, Fla.; the University of Richmond, Va.; Hardin-Simmons Seinan Gakuin University in Japan, East Texas Baptist College, Marshall; California Baptist College, Riverside; and William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. He also was named a distinguished alumnus by Southwestern.

The Foreign Mission Board's new Missionary Learning Center near Richmond was named in honor of Cauthen and his wife. The chapel in the Richmond headquarters and an academic chair of missions at Golden Gate also bear Cauthen's name.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Glass; two children, Carolyn Mathews of Sante Fe, N.M., and Ralph B. of Greensboro, N.C., and two grandsons. Services were April 18 at First Baptist Church in Richmond.

Toalston writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



NASHVILLE — In his last public appearance before retirement in 1979, Baker James Cauthen traced his 40-year pilgrimage in missions. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin.)



## Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

### Are you hidden?

"Are you hidden?" That was the name of a tract I received in the mail. It was written, I see, by Susan Kefover and distributed by the Open Door Ministry in Pennsylvania.

"Do you ever feel insignificant or unnoticed and unappreciated, that no one cares to hear your ideas or revelation?" it begins. "Perhaps the Lord is hiding you."

I have felt invisible — I guess you would call it hidden — in some men's meetings where I would be the only woman present. Perhaps they talked to me and were polite, but I felt as if I were being thought of as impersonal as a piece of the furniture.

One night in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, the language barrier "hid" me, so to speak, because the two who were with me were speaking Portuguese. When they could not get me to understand their language, and I could not persuade them to understand mine, they simply talked to each other. I presume they were discussing plans on how they could get rid of me.

By "get rid of me," I mean they were trying to deliver me at a certain destination. Not one of us knew how to get me there. That night I'd gone to a dinner party at the home of Isaac Gomes, brother of David Gomes. Afterward, one of David's sisters — Waldemira — and her son, Paul, offered to take me back to the house where I was to spend the night — the home of a Baptist pastor, Achilles Barbosa, and his wife, Maryann.

My Portuguese vocabulary consists of maybe 25 words. Waldemira and Paul could speak English a little. They assumed that I knew the street address of the Barbosas' house, but I did not. I had assumed they would know where the Barbosas lived. They did not. Though it was already late when we left Isaac's house, they drove me to the top of a mountain, to show me a wonderful view of the lighted city by night. Belo is circled by mountains, so that it appears to be built in an enormous bowl. Lights sparkled in the bottom of the bowl, and far up its sides.

Now we were ready to go home. They were shocked to find I didn't know the address — and I was shocked to find they didn't know it either. (I don't know why they didn't stop to telephone anyone. Perhaps they knew

no one who knew the address or where to reach anyone who did. The Barbosas had no phone.)

We drove and drove. They would point to the gas gauge, and stop at gas stations — all closed because of the late hour — so I knew they feared the gas would run out soon.

I had stayed the night before at the Barbosas' house, so I did know it was beside a railroad track, which was beside a river. How could I convey that? I drew two lines and wrote beside them "tren," — which I thought meant "train," in Portuguese. I drew a wavy line beside the straight ones and wrote "rio" on it — hoping that meant "river." They did get the idea! They began to nod their heads excitedly — so I drew a street and some houses. We went down to the proper street.

You can't imagine how hidden you can feel when you can't even say "stop" or "turn left," or "that is the house." I suddenly saw the house down the street, when Paul stopped and looked at his city map. The porch light was on. We were parked in front of the wrong house. Finally I yelled "luz, luz!" (Spanish for "light") They understood — and all ended well!

This tract that I have points out some Bible accounts of people who were put in hiding. Moses was hidden by his parents so Pharaoh couldn't kill him. Rahab hid two spies of Israel on her roof. Obadiah hid a hundred prophets from Jezebel. Jesus hid himself when the crowd sought to stone him.

"In each case," writes Susan Kefover, the Lord hid or caused someone to be hidden for the sake of preserving or protecting. To be hidden is to be put in a place of safety or obscurity. It often means your virtues are not seen and you may be unnoticed. . . . But at the same time, your faults are also hidden. Your mistakes are passed over and you can learn and grow without harsh criticism.

"If you find yourself being hidden . . . rejoice! Use the time to prepare yourself and learn. Grow strong in secret. The Lord is covering you until the appointed time for you to come forth."

Now there's something to think about.

### Thai evangelist is threatened

BANGKOK, Thailand (EP) — Somchai Soonthorntrasuk, an evangelist in Thailand with the Pocket Testament League, was threatened with death if he did not stop speaking during a village meeting.

Somchai had gone to the village to preach, show Christian films, distribute Scriptures, and do door-to-door visitation. While a meeting was in progress one of the villagers came forward brandishing a rifle, and told Somchai to stop. The villager threatened to shoot the evangelist, wrap his body in a plastic bag, and throw it in the river.

Somchai recalls being "very afraid," but talked quietly to the man, suggested he listen until the end of the meeting and then, if not satisfied, shoot him.

Somchai closed his meeting with an invitation to accept Christ; only one man stepped forward — the gunman. The following day the gunman's wife also became a Christian, and now 11 converts are meeting regularly in that village.

# China's Protestant leaders open door to outside help

HONG KONG (BP) — Leaders of China's Protestant church have announced plans to form an independent foundation to promote "health, education, and social service projects" in China.

The Amity Foundation, to be formally constituted in late April, will cooperate with Christian and non-Christian groups from abroad, including Christian agencies, churches, and individuals in the United States. The foundation apparently will channel not only funds and resources but also personnel from around the world into areas of service in China.

Plans for forming the foundation were announced at a March press conference in Hong Kong led by Han Wenzao, a close associate of Bishop Ding Guangxun (K. H. Ting). Ding, who also attended the press conference, is president of the China Christian Council and leader of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement, China's officially recognized Protestant movement. Also present was

Philip Wickeri, an American Presbyterian worker in Hong Kong who will be overseas coordinator for the foundation.

Chinese Christians "want to play a more active role in our nation's social development," said Han, who is directing preparations for the foundation in the city of Nanjing. "Second, we hope that in this way we may make our Christian involvement and participation more widely known to the Chinese people. Third, we seek to strengthen the ecumenical sharing of resources and international people-to-people relationships."

Han said the foundation would seek humanitarian projects or institutions in China needing funds and other support. Planning has already begun for several projects, he added, including support for the Nanjing Children's Mental Health Research Center, which Han called the "only institution of its kind in all of China."

Han also mentioned plans for recruiting teachers from "church agencies and other institutions

overseas" to teach in Chinese colleges and universities. "Following consultations with church representatives from Germany, Japan, and the United States, we hope that we can have some teachers in China by September," he said.

The Amity Foundation will encourage and respond to project suggestions and initiatives both from within China and from "friends abroad," Han pledged, and will depend on funding from sources "both Chinese and foreign, religious and non-religious, individual and organizational."

Han and Ding cited the decline of "ultra-leftism" after the disastrous Cultural Revolution of 1966-76, the opening of China to the outside world, economic reform and the government's call for all sectors of society to contribute to national progress. All these factors have made it possible for Chinese Christians to take a more public role in society and invite overseas friends to participate, they said.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer.

### Heart-breaking division

Editor:

It is heart-breaking to read and hear of the terrible division in our Southern Baptist Convention. The average church member must be as anxious and concerned over the possible outcome of this division as I am. We read about it in national papers and cringe at the laughter and derision of non-Southern Baptists. Satan must be howling with joy. Just when new horizons are being conquered for Christ, the body decides to start working separately for the good of the part rather than the whole. Earnest prayer is being said that these men will stop the division before eternal harm is done. Miracles can and do happen!

Debra Boyd  
Biloxi

Mississippi messengers to the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas to obtain proper messenger cards before they leave home. The bylaws of the SBC Constitution require written certification of a messenger's election by his local church. The simplest form of certification is a signed SBC registration card, copies of which are available from the Baptist Building or the office of your director of associational missions. If one does not obtain a card, he may register with a letter signed by the church clerk or moderator, but to do so requires an extra step in the registration process at the convention. The most tedious method

of registration is to have your local church send a telegram to the convention certifying the messenger's election. This is the only acceptable way to register if the messenger does not bring written confirmation from his church, and it is both costly and slow.

Please make preparation for your convention registration before the Dallas meeting. Secure the printed messenger card from the Baptist Building or your director of associational missions; and as the commercial says, "Don't leave home without it!"

David Michel  
Jackson

## Devotional

### The light of the world

By Donnie L. Stewart  
Matthew 5:14-20

When Jesus spoke of the Christian being the light of the world, his followers could not visualize light as we know it today. They had never seen a powerful airport beacon light or a huge lighthouse on a beach. Most of his bearers knew only about burning oil with wicks. Even from this, however, they could understand that a small light could burn clear and steady. One light combined with others would be bright and revealing.

During my early life, I often watched Mama as she carefully trimmed the wick and cleaned the globe of our kerosene lamp. The light from the lamp would often become dim and almost extinguished by its own soot.

Every Christian ought to see himself as a light that is clear and distinct. We ought always to be careful that the soot of the world doesn't dim the light. We ought to send out a clear light. It is submission to the fire that the light burns clearly.

Ours ought to be a steady light. The small hand lamps used in Jesus' day were sensitive to every little gust of wind. It was, however, more important on a stormy night for the lighthouse to send out a steady gleam. This required more fuel, and much more resistance to the mighty winds.

If the light is to be constant in time of the storms, there must be unbroken contact with the supply of energy, whether oil or electricity. This must come from first hand experience of grace that is current and up to date.

Many caught up in the storm of life would welcome a clean, steady, bright beam of light. It is sorely needed in a dark world.



Stewart

### Proper credentials

Editor:

In 1984 it was my privilege to serve on the Credentials Committee for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. It was an enjoyable and important experience working with Lee Porter, who is registration secretary for the convention. Dr. Porter was quite pleased that only 8 percent of the messengers to Kansas City had to come through the Credentials Committee process. Of the 17,401 who registered, 1,380 did not have proper messenger cards. Most of those had letters of authorization from their churches, but some had to have telegrams sent from home before they could be registered.

I'm writing to encourage the



# Sandinistas give approval to crusade, relief effort

WASHINGTON (BP)—Top officials of Nicaragua's Sandinista government have granted permission to a Southern Baptist evangelist who combines preaching with relief efforts to conduct a crusade and distribute food, clothing, and medicine in the war-torn Central American nation.

Larry Jones, president of Feed the Children, an Oklahoma City-based ministry, told reporters at a National Press Club news conference April 10 he received the assurances Easter weekend from Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega and Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto.

Jones said that in separate, private meetings with the two leaders April

8, he was "guaranteed that I could preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ without any restrictions in a public setting," and that "local participating churches would be able to give the food and clothing to those in need."

More than 200 evangelical churches, some of them Baptist, plan to participate in the April 18-20 crusade, he said. Following the crusade the churches will distribute all food, clothing, and medicine he is able to take in, Jones added.

He said he attended three Easter Sunday services, one of them at Managua's First Baptist Church, and saw no evidence the leftist Sandinista

government is doing anything to disrupt normal religious activities.

Jones' ministry has concentrated its evangelistic and relief efforts in Central America and Africa, including more than 20 missions to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and now Nicaragua.

The Bowling Green, Ky., native, a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., said he reevaluated his ministry five years ago after realizing "it doesn't make much sense to preach the Gospel of Jesus to a man whose children are dying of hunger and malnutrition."

Stan Hastey writes for the Baptist Press Washington bureau.

## Missionaries on furlough

Paul and Brenda Lee, Spain, 207 South Washington St., Starkville; Don and Margie Mines, Argentina, Pine Trails Apts., Apt. M-5, Clinton; James and Mary Slack, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Philippines; James and Gwen Young, Bangladesh, 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City; Gerald and Glenda Davis, Philippines, 520 Magazine St., Tupelo;

Jerry and Glenda White, Korea, 416 Ford, Columbia; James and Peggy Bartley, Uruguay, Pine Trails Apt. 6-M, Springridge Road, Clinton; Mary Alice Ditsworth, Indonesia, 4610 Orchard Road, Pascagoula;

John and Jean Jacobs, Trinidad, 100 Miller Circle, Booneville; Jerald and Elaine Perrill, Thailand, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg; Larry and Cheryl Cox, Bourkina Fasso, 619 Holly Ridge, Vicksburg; Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, Rt. 8, Box 1474, Hattiesburg.

## Scientists determine date of crucifixion



OXFORD, England (EP)—Jesus Christ died on Friday, April 3, 33 A.D. That's the conclusion of two leading scientists who arrived at the date by reconstructing the Jewish calendar at the time and dating a lunar eclipse which the Bible and other historical sources suggest followed the crucifixion.

The scientists, Colin J. Humphreys and W. G. Waddington, of Oxford University, published their findings in the British Science magazine.

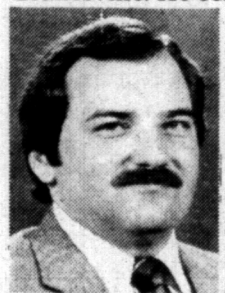
The scientists note that all four Gospels agree that Jesus died a few hours before the start of the Jewish Sabbath—nightfall on a Friday—and that within a day it was the time of the Passover, an annual Jewish feast held at the full moon.

The scientists further reason that the biblical references to the moon turning "to blood" indicate the red-toned moon during a lunar eclipse. By comparing times for lunar eclipses with the Jewish calendar, they arrived at a date.

The scientists have even speculated on the time of day Christ died on the cross. As part of Passover time, lambs were slaughtered between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on the 14th day of the Jewish Month Nisan (March-April). The scientists reason that "Jesus died at the same time as the Passover lambs were slain. This is consistent with many New Testament statements such as 'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us' (I Cor. 5:7).

## Staff Changes

Michael Perry has accepted the call to become pastor of First Church, Leakesville. He comes to Leakesville



from the pastorate of Calvary Church, Tylertown. A native of Pennington, Ala., he has also been pastor of churches in Butler and Mt. Hope, Ala. Perry holds degrees from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Jane Thrash, are the parents of three children.

Allen Landers has resigned as pastor of McBee Church, Lowndes County, and is available for supply and interim work in the area.

Gene Erwin has resigned the pastorate of Harrisville (Simpson) church and accepted the call to Don Avenue Baptist Church, Denham Springs, La.

## 38th Avenue will celebrate 50th year

Thirty-eight Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with homecoming on May 5. Dinner will be served on its grounds after the morning service. There will be an afternoon service but no night service.

The homecoming will be followed by a revival, May 5-10. (See "Revival Dates" column.) G. Wiley Abel is the pastor.

Thirty-eight Avenue Church began as a mission of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, in 1935.

Max Jones has resigned as pastor of Highland Church, Crystal Springs. He now resides at Rt. 1, Box 30, Newhebron, Miss., 39104 and is available for revivals, supply, or interim pastorates. His phone number is 694-2573.

## Missionary News

Earl and Mamie Lou Posey Jr., missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P.O. Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines 0201). A native of Alabama, he was born in Boyles and also lived in Pinson while growing up. She was born in Lucedale.

Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 8, Box 1474, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401). They are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Purvis and grew up on a farm near Hattiesburg and she grew up in Lamar County.

Sins are like circles in the water when a stone is thrown into it — one produces another. — Matthew Henry

## Book Reviews

LOVING GOD, by Charles W. Colson; Zondervan Publishing House, 1983; 255 pages; hardback, \$11.95

Skeptics who have waited for Chuck Colson to bomb out have waited in vain. Not only has he continued to live his Christian life in an exemplary manner but he has also produced three of the finest books that evangelicals have produced in recent years. This, his third book, is his best. I rank it as one of the best books I have read this year.

Chuck Colson was one of the most powerful men in America when he took his fall along with other Watergate co-conspirators. But that fall was the beginning of his journey homeward. He writes, "My life had been the perfect success story, a great American dream fulfilled. But all at once I realized that it was not my success God has used to enable me to help those in this prison, or in hundreds of others just like it. My life of achievements meant nothing in God's economy. No. The real legacy of my life was my biggest failure — that I was an ex-convict. My greatest humiliation — being sent to prison — was the beginning of God's greatest use of my life; He chose the one experience in which I could not glory for His glory." (page 24)

In this book Colson seeks to answer the question, "What does it mean to love God, and how do we go about doing it?" In his answer he focuses on several prominent Christian doctrines: the radical nature of obedience to Christ, the Word of God, the nature of sin and repentance, personal holiness, and the church.

It is amazing that one so new in the faith could be so deep theologically. Colson was helped in the writing by some of the best writers and editors in evangelicalism, and the book skillfully weaves fascinating stories with basic theology. Chuck Colson appears to be one of the great trophies of God's grace in our generation. Those who buy this book and read it will do themselves a great favor. — Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb.

THE PRESENT-DAY CHRISTOLOGICAL DEBATE, by Klaas Runia; Inter-Varsity Press, 1984; 120 pages; paperback, \$5.95.

Runia has given us the equivalent of a seminary course on contemporary Christological discussions. It is useful as a beginning study for those just starting out, or a brilliant refresher course for the serious student. The author is committed to the orthodox theology of the church councils. He views, critically, the modern developments in Christology which are faulty, in part, because of their biased philosophical presuppositions. Karl Barth comes out looking orthodox, although he had a shift in emphasis. But newer developments, beginning with Rudolf Bultmann, the New Quest for the Historical Jesus, Pannenberg, Moltmann, and others have abandoned the ancient statements for views which, they believe, are in harmony with the modern world view. Even Roman Catholic theologians such as Hans Kung have strayed from the fold. A whole host of Protestant theologians have rejected the "Christ of the creeds," including a group of British scholars who began the debate about "the myth of God Incarnate." Mean-

ingful discussion is given to contemporary approaches to Christology, such as "Christology from above or from below" and functional versus ontological Christology. Runia supports the Christology of Chalcedon, showing that Christology and soteriology are inextricably bound together. The bottom line, Runia believes, is the authority of scripture, for most unorthodox theologies begin by rejecting as dependable the biblical portrait of Christ. Settle the issue of authority, Runia believes, and you are back to the Christ of the Bible. — Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb.

MORNING BY MORNING by C. H. Spurgeon (Whitaker House, paper, 368 pp.) This beautifully bound little book is a companion to another of C. H. Spurgeon's books, Evening by Evening. These meditations for daily living have been adapted from the author's original language to today's readership. There are 365, one for each day of the year. Each devotional reading is geared to a key verse of Scripture.

For instance, in the meditation for April 10, he wrote about Calvary. "Light springs from the midday-midnight of Golgotha, and every herb of the field blooms sweetly beneath the shadow of the once accursed tree. In that place of thirst, grace has dug a fountain which ever gushes with waters pure as crystal, each drop capable of alleviating the woes of mankind."

The bright picture on this paperback edition is one of a breakfast table, set with yellow spring flowers, a bowl of fruit, and a cup of coffee. It definitely invites one to open the book, sit down, and read. This book would not only be good for morning quiet time, but also as a gift to another. —

You take no chance when you give God a chance.

Too great a hurry to discharge an obligation is a kind of ingratitude. — La Rochefoucauld

## Revival Dates

New Ireland, Union: April 28-May 1; Ron Kirkland, academic dean, Clarke College, preaching; Eric Mitchell, Neshoba Church, in charge of music; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.; Mon-Wed. 7 p.m.; fellowship meal after each service; Vaughan Gardner, pastor.

Anding, (Yazoo): April 28-May 1; services; Sun.-Wed., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Ed Perrett, pastor, Faithview, Jackson, evangelist; Tony McNair, music, Bill Ashford, pastor.

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## Names in the News



Bert Self, minister of education and evangelism at Clarksdale Church, awarded two certificates for work in Christian Development to Carmen Hayes in a recent Sunday service. At present, she is working on her advanced leadership diploma and said she hopes to attend the advanced leader training conferences either at Ridgecrest, N.C. or Glorieta, N.M. Miss Hayes works with the toddler age group as well as Girls in Action, and Baptist Young Women. Self said, "Miss Hayes has read an average of one study course book per week since last October, and has earned credit for them as well. Since October she has not only earned her Preschool diploma, but also her Church Training diploma in Preschool Leadership. She is presently involved in remodeling the church's preschool area. — Photo by Cauthen

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Shellyn Gresham Poole, 27, has been named communications specialist by the Historical Commission, SBC. She will assume her new duties on May 1. A native of Jackson, Miss., Poole is a graduate of Mississippi University for Women, and Southwestern Seminary. She was on the staff of Southwestern as graduating students/alumni placement coordinator, 1980-82, and as associate director of church/minister relations, 1982-84.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Jimmie E. Harley, pastor of First Church, Florence, S. C., was reelected chairman of the Stewardship Commission during the Southern Baptist Convention agency's annual meeting.

Trustees recognized Fred M. Chapman, who directs the endowment and capital giving program area, for outstanding leadership in enabling Together We Build consultants to help Southern Baptist churches raise more than a third of a billion dollars for building needs.



Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc Association, licensed Chuck Shumaker, left, to the gospel ministry. Billy Davis, right, presents the certificate of license.

Charles and Elaine Davis, journeymen to Taiwan, have arrived on the field to begin their two-year term of service as youth and music workers (address: P. O. Box 28-3 Shihlin, Taipei 111, Taiwan ROC).

Beth Chandler of Tupelo, joined 17 other graduating seniors in leadership of Senior Week at Southwestern Seminary, April 2-5.

Spring and summer graduates representing each of the seminary's three schools preached, read Scripture, prayed and presented music for chapel services throughout the week.

Chandler was selected by a special committee from the school of religious education. She is a master of arts in religious education student prayed in chapel April 4.

DALLAS (BP) — Dallas Baptist University has awarded an honorary doctor of Christianity degree to evangelist Billy Graham. More than 1,000 persons attended the convocation at the university in west Dallas to witness the degree presentation and 2,400 more sat at a \$1,000 per table dinner that evening to honor the evangelist and the university.

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — Connie Davis of Memphis, has been named assistant editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, newsjournal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. She will assume the position May 7. For nine years she has worked in editorial positions with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. She has been managing editor of "Crusader" and "Crusader Counselor" magazines since 1980.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — Joni Eareckson Tada, a popular Christian speaker and author, was honored as 1985 Layperson of the Year at the 43rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, held here recently. Tada became the first woman to be awarded this special NAE distinction. In presenting the award to Tada, NAE President Robert McIntyre cited the swimming accident that left her permanently paralyzed, and her ultimate triumph over personal tragedy.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — Evelyn Blount of Birmingham, Ala., has been elected executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to South Carolina Baptist Convention, effective July 1.

Blount is program design specialist in the missions education system of WMU, SBC.

She will succeed Hannah Hills, who is retiring at the end of June after 13 years as executive director.

## Revival Dates

Providence, Jayess: April 26 to 28; George Lee, director of missions, Marion and Walthall associations, evangelist; Mickey Standifer and Mrs. June Conn, music directors; Services Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; Sunday services at regular time with lunch served at the church; John L. Carlisle, pastor.

Midway, Jackson: April 28-May 1; Sunday at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Dale Holloway, evangelist; Tim Sullivan, music director; W. Benton Preston, pastor.

Courtland (Panola): youth revival; April 26-28; Charles Lipe, preaching; Scottie Brooks, leading singing; services Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. with the showing of the film "The Rapture" on Friday; Sunday 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Billy J. McDonald, pastor.

Hillsboro (Scott): April 26-28; services at 7:30 p.m. on April 26 and 27; regular services on Sunday; Larry Duncan, pastor at East Morton Church, evangelist; Hamp Valentine from Forest, directing the music; Ricky Gray, pastor.

Trinity Church, Laurel: April 28-May 1; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; weekdays, 7:30 p.m.; Hueston Adkins, Mendenhall, preaching; Clyde Carraway, leading the music; Jim Carr, pastor.

Sulphur Springs (Newton): Sunday morning through Wednesday night, May 5-8, 7 nightly; guest preacher, Billy Henry, pastor, Clifton Church; pastor, Randall Creel.

38th Avenue, Hattiesburg: May 5-10; special homecoming services on Sunday; Mon., Wed., and Fri., 12 noon, salad bar; 7 p.m. nightly; James Fancher, pastor, First, Coffeeville, evangelist; Hubert Greer, music; G. Wiley Abel; afternoon service on May 5, but no night service.

First, Richland: April 28 to May 1; Bill Jackson, pastor, First Church, Foley, Ala., evangelist; Hubert Greer, music evangelist, Brookhaven, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ed McDaniel, pastor.

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson: April 28-May 1; Joe McKeever, pastor of First, Columbus, author and cartoonist, guest evangelist; Billy Causey, Clinton, real estate broker and Christian entertainer who recently cut an album, leading the music worship; services at 7 p.m. Sun.-Fri.; morning devotionals Tues., April 30-Fri., May 3, from 7 to 7:30 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts; "If You Love Me," revival theme.

Liberty Church, Flowood, Lakeland Drive at Luckney Road: May 1-5; George E. Meadows, pastor, evangelist; Joe Metts, minister of music, in charge of music; services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m.

Collins Church, Collins: April 28-May 3; Jim Bain, pastor, Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; John Joiner, minister of music, Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, music director; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Joe Ratcliff, pastor.

New Hope, (Marion): April 26-28, Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner following the morning service; Friday and Saturday nights at 7; youth activities in the afternoon; revival team to be a youth team from Clarke College BSU; team captain, David Grumbach of Kenner, La.; minister of music, Leroy Hughes of Cantonment, Fla.; pianist, Shelly Sasser of Meadowbrook, Ill.; youth activities, Tony DeSoto of Kenner, La.; and fellowship leader, Patty Ives of Kenner, La.; pastor, Bobby Smith.

## Euleless center steers girls from abortions

EULESS, Texas (BP) — Since December, when the "Crisis Pregnancy Center," operated by First Baptist Church, Euleless, Texas, in a Euleless shopping area, placed an advertisement in the Yellow Pages, activity on the phone line—and at the center—has doubled.

About 450 girls had been in the clinic through February, which marked seven months of operation and director Betty Crumpler expects the number to increase.

The "Crisis Pregnancy Center" offers free pregnancy testing and its goal is to steer women away from abortions. Thus far, Crumpler said, their success is "excellent."

Of the 450 who had come to the center for testing, 60 to 70 percent were pregnant and 85 percent of them were convinced to carry their babies to birth.

The center's phone number is 817-267-3375.

## 1,000 Baptists meet in Moscow for Centennial Congress

MOSCOW — Reports of new members baptized, advance in leadership training, reconciliation efforts, and literature distribution among church congregations were major concerns for Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR at their 43rd All-Union Congress in Moscow.

Nearly 1,000 persons, including 546 delegates and numerous Congress guests, attended the sessions at the Moscow (Central) Baptist Church. It was the Centennial Congress for the Union, whose organizational structures date from 1884. The last Congress took place five years ago.

The five-year period saw the conversion to God of "about 40,000 souls" and distribution of "more than 120,000 copies" of Bibles, New Testaments, and hymnbooks. During that time 268 new congregations were registered and "more than 5,600 brothers who had previously belonged to congregations... outside the unity joined our Union," according to the report of Alexei M. Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union (AUCECB).

Bichkov asked publicly that two of

the half-dozen foreign guests, Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Gerhard Claas and European Baptist Federation General Secretary Knud Wumpelmann, "convey our heartfelt gratitude" to the United Bible Societies for some "100,000 pieces" of religious literature and the first ever Bible published in Russian braille which the AUCECB has received in recent years.

However, along with news of evangelistic outreach and appreciation for literature, almost every regional report pleaded for still more literature, especially for the new converts.

Bichkov said that about 370 students were trained at the Correspondence Bible Courses for pastors, deacons, and music leaders in addition to special seminars held regionally. But he stressed "the lack of ministers" in a number of regions and Union republics and suggested that full-time pastors might serve more congregations.

The delegates had been chosen at 60 regional and republican conferences held prior to the Congress.

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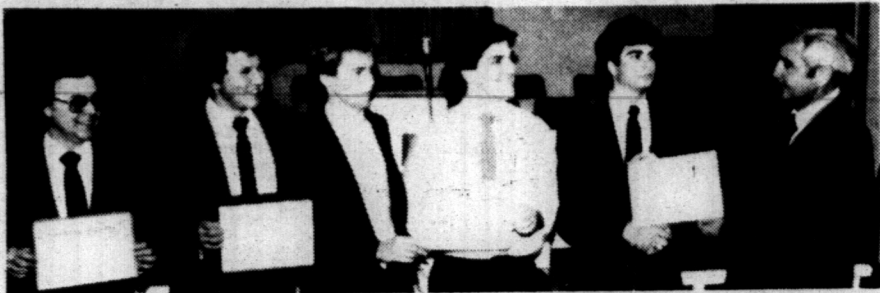
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Artesia Church, Artesia, has recently licensed to the gospel ministry four men. Pictured from left are Charles Young, Joe Pate, Robert Green, Scott Young, Steve Yarber, and their pastor Ben Yarber.

## - Just for the Record -



Eastview Church ordained four men as deacons in a special service on March 31. Maurice Flowers Jr., Jones County director of missions, brought the charge to the candidates and Bob Scott, Eastview pastor, brought the charge to the congregation. Pictured above left to right are Greg Merritt; Roy Kuykendall; Scott; Joel Hinton; and Richard Stone.



Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc Association, ordained (from left) Randy Burk and Donald Sloan as deacons. Billy Davis, right, pastor, presents the certificates of ordination.

## Black Baptist students observe 40th anniversary

ATLANTA (BP) — Some 2,000 black students, representing 165 colleges and universities, addressed problems of their generation, observed the 40th anniversary of the National Baptist Student Union, and commissioned summer missionaries at their annual retreat.

The meeting was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board black church relations department and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board national student ministries department and is also supported by the three black National Baptist conventions — Progressive National Baptists, National Baptist USA, Inc., and National Baptist Convention of America.

During the conference, 32 students were commissioned and an addition

35 also volunteered for summer missions.

Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner told conferees that life's greatest possibility is that God will use their lives. In keeping with the conference theme, "Growing to Serve" Tanner said, "life is not effective until it fulfills the purpose of serving, for which life was designed."

Trent L. Green, a student at Texas Southern University, Houston, was elected president for 1985-86.

In the annual gospel choir competition, the Baptist Student Union-sponsored choir of the University of Texas, Austin, won first place in the small choir division. In the medium division, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, placed first and East Texas State University won the large choir category.

## HMB appoints Dawn Sellers

Dawn Marie Sellers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. (Bill) Sellers of Brandon, has been appointed as a



summer missionary by the Home Mission Board. Dawn Marie will be serving in the state of California. She has completed her second year at Samford University in Birmingham where she is a music education and performance (voice) major. Her father is employed with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as Mississippi's representative with the Annuity Board, SBC.

## Wm. Carey commencement

(Continued from page 5) years before retiring in 1968. Ms. Sanders' contribution to the people of Nigeria was recognized in 1954 when she was made an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Nigeria was a British protectorate until 1960.

She will speak at the School of Nursing pinning ceremony May 9 in New Orleans.

Commencement activities will kick off at 4 p.m. on May 10 with the dedication of Ross and Johnson Halls. Goerner will be the featured speaker.

Johnson Hall was built in 1919 and is named in honor of J. L. Johnson, former president of Mississippi Women's College, the forerunner to William Carey College. The structure was renovated last summer and now contains 16 apartments for married students.

Ross Hall, also built in 1919 and named for former trustee T. E. Ross Sr., was renovated last fall and houses 16 suites for junior and senior women.

Representatives of the Ross and Johnson families will be honored at the dedication ceremonies and portraits of Ross and Johnson will be hung in the parlors of the respective buildings.

Allen will be the keynote speaker for commencement, which begins at 3 p.m. on May 11 in Smith Auditorium on the Hattiesburg campus.

## Former Oklahoma editor dies at 68

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Jack L. Gritz, 68, former editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, died at his son's home in Fort Worth, Texas, April 14.

Gritz was editor of the newspaper for 30 years, starting in 1949. He graduated from Enid High School, Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He earned a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Gritz is survived by his wife, Chloe, whom he married in 1947, and son Paul, a professor at Southwestern seminary.

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member of First Church, Richardson, Texas, replacing Everett G. Brown Jr., of Dallas.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term is Carl B. Allen, a retired denominational worker and member of Third Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to replace Alden Wilson of Jackson, who moved (1988).

Renominated to second terms are Cleveland R. Horne Jr. of O'Fallon, Mo., and William C. Clark of Summerville, S.C.

Positions eliminated include those held by Luther N. Davis Jr. of Mobile, Ala.; Ray C. Melton of Jacksonville, Fla.; T. L. Cashwell Jr., of Raleigh, N.C.; B. J. Martin of Pasadena, Texas, and H. E. Knox of New Braunfels, Texas.

# Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

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- Missions and Prayer
- Remember, and repent
- Prayer—Susan Brindle, president, WMU of New England
- Missions and Pioneers
- "...do the first works"—as a veterinarian in Bophuthatswana, Dale Beighle, missionary
- Music—"Living Song"
- Missions and People
- "First, love"—in Central America, Joe Bruce, missionary; —in Vermont, Connie Markham, missionary
- Missions and Promotion
- Business: Election of Officers
- Music
- Missions and Priorities
- Woman's Missionary Union—in Times Like These, Report of the Executive Board
- Solo—Jennifer Jones
- Missions and Partnership
- First Love for a Lifetime—Marjorie McCullough, WMU member, Alexandria, La.
- Missions and Promises
- "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"
- Music—Forbes Woods

Monday Evening, June 10, 1985

### MONDAY MISSIONS NIGHT

A rally around M.A.P.S.—Missions and Prayer, People, Places, Priorities jointly sponsored with Woman's Missionary Union by the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood Commission, in cooperation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Directors of Missions Conference.

Featuring premiere of production music from the new Bold Mission Thrust dramatic musical "2000 A.D." by Wesley Forbis and Mark Hayes.

7:15—Pre-session Music—Scott Bennett, Jennifer Jones, and Forbes Woods  
7:30—Missions and Prayer

—Dramatics and Slides—scripted by Millie Bishop, president of Texas WMU; —staged by "PraiSong," Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas; —visuals by Kendall Kirk, Baptist General Convention of Texas

—Prayer

—Missions and People

—Missions and Places

—Missions News Summary—presented by R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board, and William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board  
Africa: John Cheyne, Human Needs Ministries, Foreign Mission Board; Central Africa: Joe Bruce, associate area director; China: C. K. Chang, Anhui University; Eastern Europe: John David Hopper, Austria; Middle East: Nancie Wingo, Lebanon; Washington, D.C.: Marilyn Prickett, missionary; Harlem, N.Y.: Michael Williams, missionary; New England: Jim Markham, Montpelier, Vermont; Texas, USA: Charles McLaughlin, Missions Director, BGCT

—Missions and Partnership

In Amarillo, Texas: Winfred Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church; In El Paso, Texas: Elias Benitez, pastor, Hispana Baptist Church; In the WMU Building: Mrs. Dotson M. Nelson, minister of pastoral services, Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

In Augusta, Maine: Cushnoc Baptist Church, Robert H. Brindle, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, director of associational missions; in Baltimore, Md.: James E. Willey, director of associational missions

—Missions and Priorities

—Pushing Ahead with Bold Mission Thrust—Practical presentation by the Missions Agencies

—M.A.P.S. for First Love

—Final Address—Bill Pinson, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas

—Missions and Promises

—Music—Jennifer Jones

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## Wealth and one's relationship to God

By Bill R. Baker  
Luke 16:1-31

The opening scene in Luke 16 is presented in contrast with the closing scene in Luke 15. The prodigal affords an illustration of one who was unwise in his use of wealth; whereas, the steward in the text today was wise in his use of wealth.

Life must not be spent in the reckless and irresponsible misuse of wealth, as in the case of the prodigal, but rather, all persons must see themselves as God's stewards accountable to him for the wise use of possessions and positions. One might approach a study of Luke 16 around the theme STEWARDSHIP, THE CONCEPTS AND THE CONSEQUENCES. The text introduces four stewardship concepts, each followed by a consequence.

A STEWARD IS PRUDENT, CONSEQUENTLY, HE MAKES FRIENDS BY MEANS OF WEALTH (vs. 1-9). A steward is one who has the responsibility and accountability for the administration of another's wealth. A certain rich man's steward, realizing the stewardship examiners had discovered his improbity, acted with cleverness to protect his future.

The steward is commended by his lord, not the Lord Jesus Christ, for his wisdom in dealing with the situation. he is not commended for his

crookedness but for his cleverness. The consequence may be seen in the fact that he made friends "by means of" money and to him will accrue greater profits because of this wise action.

A STEWARD IS FAITHFUL IN THAT WHICH IS LEAST, CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS FAITHFUL IN THAT WHICH IS MUCH (v. 10). It is not uncommon for one to think that if he just had more he would do more. However, the amount of wealth will have no effect upon individual stewardship, since a person will be inclined to do with much what he does with little. The only noticeable difference will be in amounts not percentages.

One is deceived if he thinks he would give more or do more if he only had more. If a steward is not faithful in the least he will not be faithful in the much. The text states "is" not "shall be." Whatever one "is" in relation to a dollar, he "is" (not shall be) in relation to a thousand dollars.

A STEWARD IS FAITHFUL IN ANOTHER'S WEALTH, CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS GIVEN THE TRUE (v. 12). If a steward expects to have something of his own, he must first of all prove himself faithful in

managing another's wealth. A valid question for any Christian to raise regarding wealth is whether or not he can be trusted. If one cannot be trusted with another's wealth (that is, faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted) then he should not be surprised when he is denied that which could be his own, including blessings in the "everlasting habitations."

A STEWARD ACKNOWLEDGES GOD AS HIS MASTER AND WEALTH AS HIS SERVANT, CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS HIGHLY ESTEEMED BY GOD (vs. 13-31). A steward of God learns quickly that what is highly esteemed among men is not always highly esteemed by God (explaining the reference to marriage and divorce in vs. 17-18).

A faithful steward is the recipient of a blessed consequence just knowing that God approves and that he may anticipate the heavenly commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful steward."

The chapter concludes with the story of a rich man who was a poor steward. Consequently, he was not blessed in this world or the future world with the blessed consequences bestowed upon a faithful steward.

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## Faith wrestles suffering

By W. Levon Moore  
Job 20:1-5; 21:1-9, 14-16

When good people suffer, many questions are raised by both the righteous and the unrighteous. Job was one of the best men upon the face of the earth, and even God gave testimony to the righteous quality of his life. Yet, Job suffered more intensely than most people are ever called upon to suffer. Job, a man of great faith, was perplexed concerning the meaning of suffering for his own life.

Job, Chapter 18, records how one of the friends of Job continued to rebuke him and sought to relate the suffering of Job with some great sin in Job's life. Chapter 19 contains Job's reply. Even though he could not understand all that had occurred, Job did not renounce his faith in God.

Job cried out, "... For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me" (Job 19:25-27).

In the passage for today's lesson, Job's miserable comforter relentlessly charged Job with wickedness and hypocrisy (20:1-5). In Job's reply, he indicated that his complaint was not to man but to God. He seemed, at times, almost to concur with the feeling that God had punished him and had deserted him (Job 21:1-9; 14-16).

Job was one of a long line of the righteous who continue to wrestle with the problem of suffering. Perhaps there is not a Christian anywhere who has not raised some question concerning innocent suffering in one's own life or the life of a friend.

This struggle for understanding is usually based upon attempts to get answers to these questions.

### I. Why me?

Every pastor has experienced those

times when his people encounter the dark hours of life:

— A sudden tragic accident which has taken the life of a family member;

— A continuing illness which causes intense pain and anguish;

— The news that one has an incurable disease;

— Or one of dozens of other situations when people are called upon to suffer.

Time and time again, the agonizing questions are asked, "Why me?" "Why did my husband die of a heart attack?" "Why did my child lose his life in a tragic automobile accident?" "Why do I have cancer?"

### II. How much?

Life's struggle with an attempt to find answers to the problem of suffering also raises the question, "How much?" How much more can I stand? How much greater burden will God place upon me? Every perplexed sufferer frequently asks himself that question, "How much more can I take?"

### III. What for?

When faith wrestles with the problem of suffering, it is not long until there surfaces this question, "What is this for?" What is the purpose of my suffering?"

### IV. How long?

When one's suffering continues for a long period, and the sufferer begins to lose patience and heart in the struggle, there are the inevitable questions, "How long will this last?" "When will this terrible ordeal be over?" "Will the light of day ever come to end this long night of painful struggle?"

If you have never asked one of these questions concerning your personal struggle with suffering, count yourself fortunate. It indicates that you have suffered little. All of us should pray for those who are enmeshed in the struggle.

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## Poor, weak, and helpless

By James F. Yates  
Amos 2:6-10; 8:4-7

### The indictment of Israel (Amos 2:6-10)

The true measure of a man or a nation is to be observed in his treatment of those, who for one reason or another, are weaker and less powerful than he. Power and positions of influence may bring out the best in a man. On the other occasions, they may bring out the worst.

Amos' audience had agreed that punishment must come to the outsiders for their atrocious offenses against recognized principles of morality. They had shown their approval for punishment for Judah, which had sinned against the teachings of God (vv. 4-5). Now Amos must carry this recognition of deserved punishment to the very heart of Israel, which had sinned against love — the type of love both demonstrated and taught by the righteous God. Amos levels our charges against Israel. They are corruption of justice (v.6), oppression of the poor (v.7a), immorality in the name of religion (v.7b), and self-indulgence (v.8).

Amos dared to condemn publicly the corrupt practices of the economic, political, and religious leaders who robbed and manipulated the helpless poor or made it possible for others to do so. He saw such practices as the profanation of the name of God as threats to the covenant society.

In verses 9 and 10 Amos momentarily turns his attention away from the sins of Israel to the great redemptive acts. He recalls the conquest of Canaan (v.9), and the exodus from Egypt (v.10) as evidences of God's love and protective care. Because Israel's sin is against love, it is, therefore, worse than the sins of either the nations or of Judah.

### A final warning (Amos 8:4-7)

Those who heard Amos preach were not left in doubt as to his belief that doom was coming for the nation Israel. The reason for the end of Israel lay in the area of social injustice and religious superficiality. These two prevailing situations were sufficient cause for Amos to realize that the end had indeed come.

First, there was oppression of the poor and needy (v.4). Religion that is not concerned with the welfare of the underprivileged and the downtrodden is not the religion of Jesus Christ. Two precautions need to be taken at this point. There is always the danger that social concern be perverted into an ethic without a religion and on the other hand that in the process of life a religion without an ethic should be produced.

The superficiality of religion manifested itself, first, in a false interpretation, or attitude, toward sacred days. The merchants of the day observed the new moon and the

sabbath, both of which were holy days in Israel. At the same time that they observed these days by either refraining from business practices, or witnessing less than normal traffic, they whined and complained (v.5a). Doing little if any business on religious days, the merchants of the day could not wait for the day to pass so that "business as usual" could be entered into once again.

We need to hear this. When the spirit of the day is lost in a superficial legalism, the individual is no better than the merchants condemned by Amos. Yet, for how many people is the observance of Sunday merely an enforced restraint because of custom or superficial commitment? The solution lies, however, not in an abandonment of the day, but in a re-examination of current attitudes, and a rediscovery of the day's true significance.

Second, the superficiality of religion manifested itself in the failure to connect social justice as the natural consequence of religion. The people were careful to keep the new moon and the sabbath, yet they could take the remainder of life and use it to cheat and oppress those weaker citizens of Israel. Religion has become superficial when it can accommodate dishonest business practices such as those described by the prophet Amos.

Among the injustices mentioned by

Amos was the practice of using false measures (v.5b). At the end of verse 6, Amos mentions yet another evidence of dishonesty not connected with weights and measures. The selling of the "refuse of the wheat" indicates that it was worthless wheat or wheat mixed with chaff which was sold to the poor.

With verse 7 Amos turns his attention to what God was going to do with reference to Israel's sins. He says that God had taken an oath by the pride of Jacob that he would never forget any of their sins. This would normally mean that God considers this pride so deep-seated in Israel that it has become as permanent and unchangeable as the nature of God. Therefore it can be an object to swear by. The fate of Israel was not settled by the action of Assyrian power, said the prophet. God himself had taken an oath to the effect that he would never forget any of their deeds.

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